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## THAT WINNING FEELING

Jamie Staff fulfils a life-long dream as he celebrates his Olympic Games gold medal (centre) with team-mates Jason Kenny (left) and Chris Hoy (right).

After clinching his place in the history books our focus now turns to local 1,500m runner Lisa Dobriskey as she enjoys her moment in the Olympic spotlight.

And you can read her exclusive regular blog on our website - [www.yourashford.co.uk](http://www.yourashford.co.uk) - and a round-up of all the weekend's action on our sports pages inside. TURN TO PAGES 50-51

## EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES

HERO Jamie Staff pedalled his way to glorious gold at the Olympic Games in Beijing - and ten minutes later was on the phone to his mum in Brabourne Lees.

The cycling superstar, born and bred in Ashford, put the heartbreak of a disqualification at the 2004 Games in Athens behind him to scorch to victory as part of the Team Sprint squad.

And his mum Christine admits she broke down and cried as she spoke to her son just minutes after he raced to victory in the velodrome.

Mrs Staff, who works at the William Harvey Hospital - the place she gave birth to the 35-year-old - told Yourashford: "He was cool, calm and collected when I spoke to him. But I wasn't. I was in tears."

Former world champion BMX rider Jamie took gold along with team-mates Chris Hoy and Jason Kenny as Team GB enjoyed one of their most successful Olympic Games for years.

But his success has not come without a cost. During his hugely successful career he has twice broken his collar bone and wrist, broken his ankle, his foot and ended up concussed more times than he can remember.

Jamie, who villagers remember riding his bike through the country lanes when he was eight years old, told Christine and dad Alan that he was totally focused on going for gold when he set out.

His proud mum added: "He thinks this may be his last Olympics, he's the old man of the team at 35. After all that he has been through,

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# Councils join forces in bid to cut costs

■ BY NICK AMES

ASHFORD council is to team up with three neighbouring local authorities in a bid to cut costs and improve services.

In a move similar to that of a number of councils in east Kent, civic centre chiefs have agreed to team-up with a view to sharing ideas, 'best practices' and some services.

Along with Maidstone, Swale and Tunbridge Wells, Ashford is part of what has become the Mid-Kent Improvement Partnership.

Leaders and chief executives of all the authorities in the scheme are all strongly behind the co-operation plan which would affect more than 470,000 people across the four affected boroughs.

However, such steps do raise the question as to future staffing levels and threats to some jobs.

No details of any changes or internal reshuffles have yet been agreed.

A statement from Ashford council read: "The partnership's aim is to improve services to the public and offer value for money. In addition, the partnership will explore opportunities to share best practice, improve the quality and resilience of service to communities as well as bringing efficiency savings to the individual councils in the partnership."

All the councils do already work together in some ways – Ashford and Maidstone share an internal audit team which has proved a successful arrangement.

Councillor Paul Clokie, leader of Ashford council, said: "By establishing the Mid-Kent Improvement Partnership we are aiming to enhance our long-term focus on service improvement, efficiency, and value for money, through a greater shared services effort.

"Ashford council already works closely with its neighbouring author-



**PARTNERSHIP:** Ashford should reap benefit

ties on a wide range of initiatives and we welcome the opportunity to strengthen these relations further."

The partnership will come into force in September and council bosses are confident it will save money.

Areas being considered for collaboration include revenue and benefit administration, computer technology and licensing.

The decision-making process will not change however, and each authority will keep its own control over such matters as planning and finance.

Leader of Maidstone council Chris Garland said there was already a strong framework in place in mid Kent.

He said: "This is the next step while maintaining sovereignty and the decision-making process within each of the authorities. The partnership has the potential to impact across all of the council's objectives and lead to service improvements and cost savings."

A similar arrangement already exists in east Kent where Canterbury, Thanet, Shepway and Dover all co-operate.

## Plans to mark his achievement

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all the dedication to the Athens ride when he was disqualified [for a move ruled illegal by judges] this was a triumph. There's no other word for it.

"When he beat his personal best in the first heat it was wonderful. When we spoke to him he made us laugh – he said 'I was a bit lost as to where the others were. We have to ride as a team, but I told them – I'm off. It's down to you to keep up with me'."

Christine and Alan considered going to Beijing, but decided against it as they wanted Jamie to stay totally focused.

Also left at home were his American-born wife Melia and the couple's twins, Grace and Theo, aged three.

Christine Staff said: "Life has been pretty hectic for Jamie recently, so the win was even more amazing."

Jamie started his haul of awards when he came second in a BMX race in Folkestone aged nine – his first race. He had been given the bike as a Christmas present and quickly became hooked.

His mum said: "He has been bike mad ever since he was two. His mates told him about the track and he went off one day and came back with a certificate. We were amazed."

### Celebration

At the age of 22 Jamie was the fastest man in Britain on a BMX and he then moved to the USA turning pro and setting up home in Los Angeles.

But he quit BMX in 2002 and stated his aim was an Olympic gold medal – an ambition he had held since childhood. To use the best facilities he moved to Manchester with its hi-tech velodrome.

But the star Olympian is a frequent visitor to Brabourne and the whole village celebrated his win.

Villager Margaret Baldock has known Jamie since he was a child.

She said: "I remember seeing him on his bike cycling up and down the street. He was a lovely lad and very modest.

"I'd lost track a bit of the heats and I was waiting for a bus when Alan and Christine came and gave me a lift. I asked them when Jamie was riding and they said – he's already done it, and won the gold."

"Then I threw my arms around them and the tears started to flow."

Mrs Staff added: "I've got a bottle of Champagne but it's still on ice. We will open it when Jamie comes home."

Council chiefs are planning a special celebration to mark his victory.

A spokesman said: "We would like to send our congratulations to Jamie Staff; I'm sure the whole of Ashford are very proud of what he has achieved. We recognise this is an outstanding achievement and will look to mark the occasion with something fitting."

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# Jail for ex-squaddie who killed teen girl

**Witness said he drove like 'a total idiot'**

■ BY KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

A FORMER soldier who was "mucking about" before losing control of his car and killing a teenage girl from Ashford and her friend, was jailed for five years on Friday.

Ex-squaddie Shaun Waters smashed head-on into a lorry after dangerously "snaking" left and right in his mum's Ford Escort as they approached Charing on the A20, near Lenham, in February 2007.

Maidstone Crown Court heard the 22-year-old caused the horror smash which killed Daisy Washington, 14, from Repton Manor Road, and Joseph Bunce, 17 from Harrietsham who were passengers in the car.

Judge James O'Mahony said: "I am very conscious that for some perhaps naturally and understandably that no sentence imposed would be too high."

"If I were to pass sentence of 100 years that would not restore those lost lives."

Judge O'Mahony said a witness had



COUNTING COST: Fourteen-year-old Daisy Washington (left) was killed in the crash caused by Shaun Waters (right)

described Waters as driving like a "total idiot" before he mounted a verge and veered into the oncoming HGV.

He said: "From the clearest evidence you carried out a dangerous piece of driving. You were driving like a total idiot – you were mucking about."

"First you moved off a straight line. Then you carried a series of definite, snaking moves."

The court heard how Daisy's school pal Elena Cowell, 15, a student at the Towers School in Kennington, was also badly injured in the horror smash – sustaining a fractured skull, broken arm, leg, jaw, cheekbone and nose.

Waters was also hurt, but miraculously his five-year-old step-daughter – who he had picked up from primary school with the three

teenagers in his mum's Ford Escort – escaped unhurt. The little girl was the only passenger wearing a seatbelt, the court heard.

Judge O'Mahony added: "Those who died were not wearing seatbelts. It was a horrible accident and you were responsible. You have to pay the price."

Waters denied two charges of causing death by dangerous driving, but was convicted at a hearing last month.

Daisy's mum Karen, 41, said: "Daisy was such a lovely girl. I will never, ever forgive him."

Waters, a former Royal Engineer from Chatham was also banned from driving for seven years.

## Samaritans helping with result stress

FEELING stressed after receiving your A-Level results this week? Or getting in a panic over this week's GCSEs? Then help is at hand.

The Samaritans are reminding those who are finding it all a little too much they are available to listen in complete confidence to students from around the borough.

The emotional support charity is available for anyone worried about the outcome of exams this summer and is available 24 hours a day for both students and concerned parents.

Exams and studying stress is one of the top reasons for people contacting the Samaritans and during the A-Level and GCSE results period last year calls increased by 11 per cent.

Judith Feline, Ashford and Tenterden branch director, said: "We need to stop reinforcing the message that exam grades are the single most important fact in determining a young person's future.

"They're not. Young people need to be reassured they are valued and that there are many different options open to them."

For details on how to deal with exam stress log-on to [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org).

## Superstore's green light will be good new for jobseekers

SUPERMARKET giant Waitrose has delivered a major boost to the town with news its new store will create 140 new jobs.

The chain, part of the John Lewis Group, revealed more details of the store it will build in Repton Park after council chiefs gave the scheme the green light earlier this month.

Work on building the 15,000 sq ft supermarket will commence in November, with hopes the first shoppers will step through its doors by Christmas 2009.

It is hoped the added competition will benefit shoppers as the biggest retailers go head-to-head for our custom.

The store on the old Repton Manor site will form a key component of the growth spot which will also see more than 1,200 new homes built on the site of the former Templar Barracks.

And with a 200-space car park too, the Waitrose store will be larger than its existing store in Tenterden. Waitrose director of development,

Nigel Keen, says: "This offers us a fantastic opportunity to contribute towards the development of an important area of Ashford.

"We know there is a real passion for quality food in Kent and welcome the opportunity to bring Waitrose to Ashford for the first time so people can discover more about our brand here."

It forms part of a new high street on the 50-hectare site, which will also see Persimmon Homes South East and Taylor Wimpey jointly developing around 1,250 new homes, including 23 apartments above the food store.

Chris Heney, development director from Persimmon Homes South East, adds: "We are delighted Waitrose has committed itself to the scheme."

"We want to deliver a high quality, design-led development and believe Waitrose will help us achieve that by providing a high-profile brand anchor at the heart of the community."

## Figures show a drop in attacks

THE number of serious attacks on police officers in the area has dropped over the last year.

In the South Kent area, which includes Ashford, 103 violent attacks were made against police officers compared to 141 the previous year; a drop of 27 per cent.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beaute said: "The safety of the public and our officers is paramount. We do not tolerate attacks on officers and anyone found committing these offences will be arrested and brought before the courts."

Kent police chiefs also said body cameras rolled-out across the force were already helping to secure prosecutions against those who attack their officers.

In May, 45-year-old Richard Skeates of Gravesend became the first man to be convicted using such technology, receiving an 11-year sentence for striking a policeman across the head with a samurai sword.

Following a successful trial in North Kent, every officer on core response now has a body camera at their disposal.

A further 80 cameras will be rolled-out in the coming weeks

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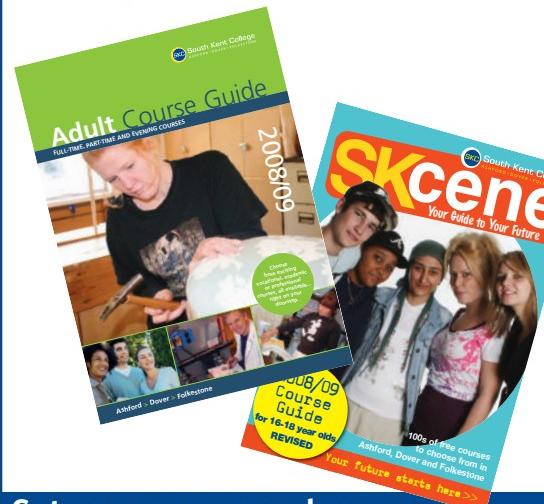
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**NEWS IN BRIEF**
**Primary pupils excel in English and maths**

RECENT figures indicate that primary school leavers across the county have yet again achieved their best-ever results in English and mathematics, improving in both subjects at level 4 – the target pupils of this age are expected to obtain before moving to secondary school.

Every year for the past five years the proportion of pupils achieving the expected level has risen in mathematics. This year, the difference between the county and national figure has narrowed significantly with Kent schools improving by 2.5 per cent, compared to the one per cent national rise.

In English, overall results mirror national outcomes and is the best-ever result. Improvements in reading are particularly good, with an increase of 2.6 per cent, another 405 pupils, achieving the expected level compared to a national rise of two per cent.

There have also been higher levels of achievement in reading, mirroring the successes of children in both the early years and Key Stage One.

**University expert in call to change drug use laws**

A SENIOR academic has hit out at the Government's drug policy saying the UK should learn from countries which adopt a different approach to the problem.

Dr Alex Stevens, who heads the European Institute of Social Services at the University of Kent in Canterbury, believes they should be decriminalised, as convicting users wasted police time and money.

He said: "Nobody is saying that dangerous drugs should be sold legally to anyone who wants them at whatever price.

"But we should learn from other countries that have reduced the criminal penalties that they use for drug users without increasing drug problems."

**Railway guards and pay row could end in strike**

TWO separate disputes about the role of guards on new trains and a pay offer could see the county's railways grind to a halt.

Results of ballots on strike action starting next week will be known in September, said Bob Crow, general secretary of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union.

Southeastern urged workers to vote in favour of the "good" 4.3 per cent pay deal, and said RMT objections to changed roles for guards came as a "disappointment".

But union representatives remain unconvinced. About 750 retail and engineering workers will be balloted for strikes over the pay offer, the RMT said, while up to 500 guards, drivers and customer service staff are set to vote on the safety role of guards on trains.

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# County to get 2012 gold rush under way

■ BY NICK AMES

SUNDAY'S closing ceremony at the Beijing Olympics will not be greeted by sorrow, instead it will spark a day of partying across the county as it marks the official start of the run-up to London 2012.

Thousands of people are expected to turn out at events around Kent to mark the official hand-over of the Olympic flag from China to Britain's capital.

Stars including past and future Olympians are set to be on hand to commemorate the event, which is the first major highlight of the UK's preparation for the global Games.

Street parties, fireworks, sports events and other celebrations are being organised in many towns and villages.

Historically, Dover welcomed the Olympic torch when it arrived in 1948 – the last time anywhere in Britain hosted the Games.

**Torch**

This weekend in the town there will be music from local bands, street athletics and other entertainments to kick-start the run up to the eagerly anticipated London event.

The official 2012 flag will enter Dover by boat – carried by rowing star Hannah Moon who is looking to make her mark on the Games in four years' time.

Julie Rook, Dover council's sports cabinet member, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to throw light on our campaign to bring the Olympic torch through Dover for the coming Games."

Celebrations planned for Ramsgate are tied in with the opening of the new athletics



**STARS:** Double gold-winning athlete Kelly Holmes and kayak bronze medallist Ian Wynne will line up for events being held in the county during Sunday's closing ceremony

A family fun run will take place and there will be demonstrations of athletic skills from nationally recognised performers.

Herne Bay has been selected as a site for one of the large screens which will show BBC coverage of the handover.

Kayak bronze medallist at the Athens Games in 2004, Ian Wynne, will be taking part and other events include a Tour d'Herne Bay cycle ride.

The flag will arrive by river in Maidstone, which will also host live music and a parade, while Charlton Athletic FC will be assisting in celebrations in Tunbridge Wells.

Free swimming to commemorate Britain's success in the Beijing pool will be held at leisure facilities in Canterbury, Thanet, Ashford, Swale and Dover.

Kent County Council cabinet member for community services, Mike Hill, said: "The recent spectacular opening of the Beijing Games really heightened the excitement for London's Olympics and the Handover Day is an excellent way for us in Kent to celebrate and enjoy the atmosphere of being the host country."

"There really is something for everyone on August 24, and it highlights how the Olympics are an opportunity to feel proud of what we have to show the world."

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## Training facilities to reap Olympic reward

THERE are 36 venues in the county hoping to cash-in on the 2012 Olympic Games in London by providing training facilities for teams around the world.

Details of the sites are being circulated to national Olympic committees with a hope they will play host to teams in the years leading up to the Games.

Our sports reporter David Pritchard paid a visit to one of the site's on the shortlist, the trampolining centre in Gillingham, to find out how it got on the list and what it hopes to achieve.

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# Sandy driven by 'love of the county and its people'

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

TRIBUTES have flooded in this week for the former leader of Kent County Council, who died on Thursday.

Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart passed away after a long battle against cancer. He was 66.

The charismatic Conservative was leader of the county council from 1997 until his retirement in 2005.

Paul Carter, the man who replaced him at the helm, said he would be "enormously missed both locally in Kent and more broadly in the country".

He said: "Sandy was the leading architect of the transformation and improvement in local government in recent years, enhancing both the reputation and relationship of local government

with national government and Westminster, and more widely with the electorate.

"Sandy restored Kent County Council back to the top of the premier league in local government, delivering a hard-earned reputation nationally for achieving excellence.

"Driven by a love and passion for the people and the county of Kent, he proved that beneath his urbane charm and courtesy lay his conviction and determination to deliver what he believed was right.

"His knighthood and subsequent peerage were just rewards for the significant contribution he made through local government and the Conservative Party nationally."

After stepping down at County Hall he went on to become chairman of the national Local Government Association and then chairman of English Heritage.

The Tory grandee had been battling

cancer since late last year, making his final public appearances last month.

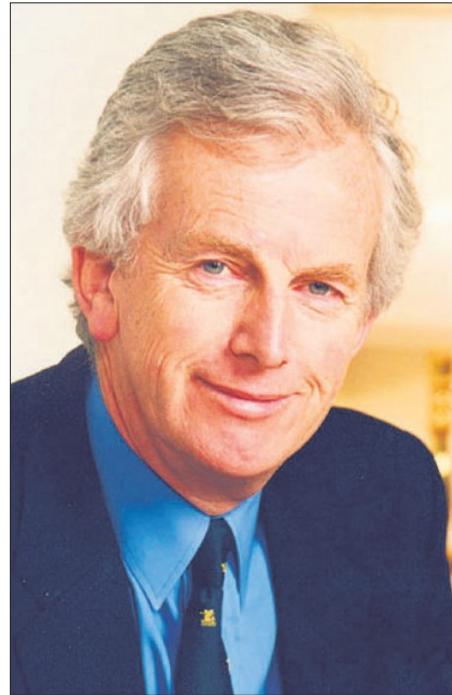
He previously lived in Zimbabwe and Australia, before moving to Kent in the 1960s. He had two fruit farms in the county and lived in Headcorn, near Maidstone.

He was married to Tess and had three children Mark, Natasha and Simon.

He became a county councillor for Maidstone Rural East in 1989 after chairing a rail committee in the Weald of Kent preservation society – protesting over the route of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

He was knighted in the New Year's Honours List in 2002, and when he was made a peer last year he was given the title Baron Bruce-Lockhart of The Weald in the County of Kent.

• See letters on page 16 and 17 for your reaction to our web story breaking the news of Lord Bruce-Lockhart's death on Thursday morning.



CHARISMATIC: Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, former KCC leader

## Politicians pay tribute to a 'towering figure'

■ MIKE Eddy, Labour's shadow leader of Kent County Council: "Sandy and I may have disagreed on politics but he was a skilled politician with the interests of Kent at heart."

"It was a privilege to have crossed political swords with him. On a personal level he was invariably courteous, was prepared to listen – even if he didn't agree with you – and would always take on board good ideas, even when they came from his political opponents."

"I am sure everyone who knew him will be saddened by his death."

■ Conservative Maidstone and Weald MP Ann Widdecombe: "He was a towering figure in local government and his work has left a lasting impact."

"Throughout my time in Parliament I have relied immeasurably on his support and advice. My heart goes out to Tess and all the family."

■ Cllr Paul Clokier, leader of Ashford council, said: "Without his support as leader of KCC, the regeneration of Ashford would not have got off the ground, for which we will always be grateful. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his family."

■ Caroline Spelman, chairman of the Conservative Party, said: "He was an



POWERFUL: David Cameron said Lord Bruce-Lockhart was a 'visionary leader of Kent County Council'

exceptionally able local government leader and Kent will forever be in his debt for his innovative ideas.

"I was particularly impressed by the way he used his skills to fight the corner of councils throughout the country as chair of the LGA."

"He and John Prescott, with whom he frequently dealt with in Government, were unlikely sparring partners, but I think John would acknowledge the elegant way Sandy led the LGA."

"Sandy came from a diplomatic family and this really showed when he was negotiating."

■ David Cameron, leader of the Conservative Party, said: "Sandy Bruce-Lockhart was a visionary leader of Kent County Council and put forward powerful arguments about empowering local government which all parties have listened to."

"He made a huge contribution to public life as chairman of English Heritage and head of the Local Government Association, and will be sadly missed."

"My thoughts are with Tess and the family at this sad time."



GREATLY MISSED: MP Ann Widdecombe said former County Hall leader has left a lasting legacy

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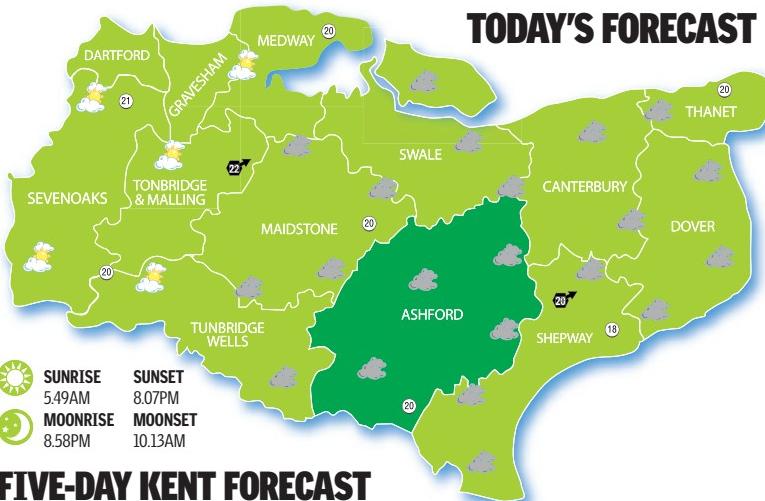
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Dover	17°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	18°C
Faversham	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C
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	Sunday	4:56pm	6.0m
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	Sunday	3:10pm	6.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:34pm	8.0m
	Sunday	3:14pm	7.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:03pm	5.1m
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WOMEN who took part in this year's hugely successful Cancer Research UK's Race for Life in Victoria Park are being urged to summon the energy for one last dash: for cash.

Organisers at Cancer Research UK are concerned that not all participants who walked, jogged or ran the 5k course have returned their sponsor money. So they are appealing to those whose fundraising feats have still not materialised to make a special effort to ensure that the £1.4 million target set for all Kent events can be achieved.

Natasha Etienne, Cancer Research UK Race for Life organiser, said the 2008 Race for Life Kent events were a tremendous success with almost 20,000 women across Kent taking part.

But she warned: "Regrettably, it's not unusual for all kinds of charity events to suffer from a minority of participants failing to raise funds."

For information on how to return sponsorship money, or to make a donation, visit [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org) or call 0871 641 228.

## Eurostar confident despite strike threat

EUROSTAR chiefs say they are not expecting a proposed strike on Bank Holiday Monday to cause any disruption to services.

Workers who clean the high-speed trains have voted to strike on what is traditionally one of the busiest travel days of the year.

But the rail company, which recently delivered a major boost to Ashford's international station by confirming it is to reinstall services to Brussels later this year, says it should not spark any delays to its timetable.

Across the network 120 members of the Rail Maritime and Transport union say they will walk out for 24 hours on August 25. The union wants a higher basic wage than the £6.37 an hour paid by contractor OCS.

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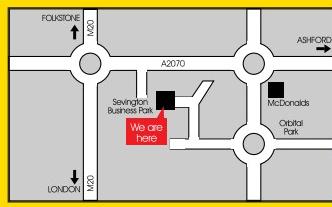
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### BILL LAMBE



**Q&A**

Bill Lambe, regional industrial organiser of the Unite union – the result of a merger between Amicus and the Transport and General Workers', based at Transport House, Apsley Street – talks to **Ed Hill**

**Q** What is the history of the union in Ashford?

**A** The transport union decided that it wanted to have a branch in the town in about 1992 because of the Channel Tunnel rail link that was being built. We saw this as a good area to find potential new members as the area's industry was going to grow. At the time we did not have any unions on the Channel Tunnel railways; now we have union recognition.

**Q** How did you get involved in the union?

**A** I am from Dublin and began my working life in the transport industry. I have been a member for more than 35 years. I became a shop steward and gradually got more involved as a lay official. Before here I worked in the Chatham office. I also worked in London. I have now been in Kent for 14 years.

**Q** How do you get more members?

**A** Everyone has the right to union representation. In companies that don't have union recognition, workers can get together to demand it if the majority of people want it. But individuals can join any time.

**Q** What are the benefits of being in a union?

**A** According to statistics from Warwick University, workers who work for companies that have union membership usually get 10 per cent better pay and conditions. They

also have better sick pay and holiday benefits. We also help to represent employees in industrial disputes. I think many people see it as an insurance policy and it costs you only £2.35 a week to be a member.

**Q** What do you think about what is happening in Ashford?

**A** I think the town is getting better. From our point of view we would like to have seen some of the industrial development happen faster so we could attract more members. It has a strong future and we will be here when the opportunities for workers arise. It can be difficult for our members to visit us here because of the current traffic problems.

**Q** How has the union fared under New Labour?

**A** It is a lot better than under the previous Conservative government. There are still some issues that we should like to be resolved, such as secondary picketing.

**Q** The union has recently merged with Amicus and agreed co-operation with an American Steelworkers' Union. Why is that?

**A** I think the unions need to be more global in the future. We live in a global economy and unions need to be the same. We have a long history of co-operation with unions in America and Australia and are looking at some of the policies that they have adopted in industrial relations. For example, in Australia until recently they had to deal with a very anti-

union government for a long time. Who knows – we might be able to help workers in economies like India and China. The merger with Amicus has allowed us to expand in areas of industry that we were not involved in before.

**Q** What are industrial relations like these days?

**A** It is a lot less confrontational than it used to be back in the Seventies. In all my time in Kent I have been involved with only one dispute that became a strike. There is a lot more negotiation and agreements with employers that make it a partnership between us and the employer, and it needs to be that way. Kent firms are pretty good when it comes to union membership.

**Q** How do you spend your spare time?

**A** I live in Maidstone. I seem to find myself acting as a taxi service for my children. My son is just doing his A-levels. He has become a fully qualified referee and my daughter is really into horses. Spare time can be difficult because I often have meetings at the weekends.

**Q** Did you have any childhood heroes?

**A** Growing up in Dublin everyone either supported Manchester United or Liverpool. I wanted to be different so I followed Tottenham Hotspur. At the time they had great players like Jimmy Greaves and Martin Chivers.

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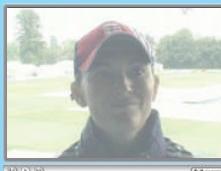




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# Kent regiments in anti-Taliban action

Reporter Jamie McGinnes has flown out to Afghanistan to join our troops on the front line in the fight against the Taliban. In the second of his exclusive reports from Helmand Province, he brings us news of renewed hostilities

HUNDREDS of soldiers have been involved in an operation to root out the Taliban near the key town of Musa Qala.

Troops from the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) and the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (PWRR), Kent's county regiment, were among 800 soldiers to take part in the fighting, which began on Thursday.

Major Ben Baker, 35, from 2PWRR, is in charge of Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, a desert fort seven kilometres from Musa Qala.

He said pushes to the north and south of the town were proving successful.

"It appears to be having quite a lot of success with Taliban killed and injured, people captured and equipment recovered," he said.

Maj Baker said the aim was to disrupt the insurgency.

"It is a deliberate operation to ensure the Taliban is put on the back foot. Whenever we face them head-on we win."

Local reports suggested on Thursday that at least 13 Taliban fighters were killed and a similar number injured.

Suicide vests, as well as ammunition and bomb-making equipment, were seized after



UNDER COVER: Jamie McGinnes (right) and troops sit out a mortar attack on FOB Edinburgh by the Taliban

compounds were searched.

About 300 troops from the Afghan National Army (ANA) spearheaded the advance to the south, supported by D Company of 5 Scots, which is based at Musa Qala, the 2nd Battalion PWRR, a few reservists from 3PWRR, and men from the Royal Irish Regiment.

Mastiff armoured vehicles from 2 Scots were also on hand.

Insurgents attacked with rifles, machine-guns and RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades).

The garrison at Roshan Tower, a strategically crucial outpost overlooking the Musa Qala Wadi, helped guide in artillery fire and air strikes. Members of 2PWRR and a mortar section from 5 Scots are there. Paratroopers from

3 Para, along with Royal Engineers, made slow progress through booby-trapped Afghan compounds to the north. Bayonets were fixed as soldiers advanced through fields of shoulder-high crops.

Apache helicopters attacked enemy positions, while F-16 jets were called in for air strikes. Artillery at FOB Edinburgh and FOB Robinson, near Sangin, was also used, including the devastating Guided Missile Launch Rocket System (GMLRS).

Maj Baker said: "It has been relatively intense, with the whole of the battle group, north and south, and Roshan Tower in contact at the same time."

He said similar operations would "definitely" be carried out in the future.



FRONT LINE: British soldiers working at Roshan Tower

## Welcome by a sniper's bullet

WITHIN 20 minutes of arriving at Roshan Tower, a Taliban sniper attempted to kill me.

A loud crack broke the air as a bullet pinged just a metre over my head. It was a fitting welcome to one of the most heavily-attacked British positions in Helmand Province.

The key outpost, which overlooks the Musa Qala Wadi, has seen an upsurge in attacks in recent weeks.

The tower has a small garrison of men, including members of the 2nd Battalion the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (2PWRR) and a mortar section from Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots).

It has a commanding view of a vast swathe of countryside around the wadi and the strategically important town of Musa Qala, which was recaptured from the Taliban in December.

More than 150 mortar bombs are thought to have hit the base since June.

Somehow only one soldier, Lance Corporal Carvas Garraway, from 2PWRR, has been slightly injured, by shrapnel in the leg. The troops admit they have enjoyed more than their fair share of luck.

The increasing threat to the base meant that the Royal Engineers were part of a convoy sent there this week to strengthen its defences.

After setting off from FOB Edinburgh at first light, the troops reached Roshan Tower, about six kilometres away, at about 8.25am local time last Wednesday.

Twenty minutes later, my tour of the outpost by its platoon commander, Lieutenant Dave Thomas, 23, from Meopham, was cut short when the first shots of the day rang out.

Lt Thomas told me later that the shot had passed about a metre above our heads. The hidden sniper may have mistaken me for a dignitary because of my civilian clothes, he said.



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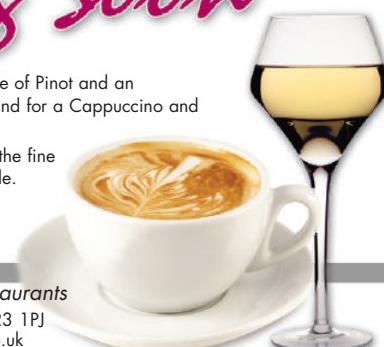
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## Pirates' star is ideal man to bring Syn-ful role to silver screen

HOLLYWOOD superstar Johnny Depp is being tipped to play the movie role of Romney Marsh's most notorious fictional resident – The Scarecrow, alias Dr Syn – a grotesquely disguised smuggler who haunts the landscape in a series of best-selling novels.

And a multi-million pound epic would have to be filmed at locations such as Dymchurch to give it authenticity say movie insiders – bringing huge benefits to the region's economy and tourism business.

Ashford-based artist Terry Anthony, who is renowned worldwide for his atmospheric paintings of scenes from the novels of Rochester-born Russell Thorndike, was contacted by Disney who made a film based on the books in the 1960s with Patrick McGoohan in the lead role.

A DVD reissue is due out in November and the company asked him to do the artwork.

Mr Anthony said: "It was while I was talking to the people behind the launch that the suggestion of a remake came up. I think this re-release of the original movie is a sort of test of the interest in the subject."

"I know Disney are keen to build on the success of Pirates of the Caribbean and Dr Syn would be ideal."

"The name of Johnny Depp kept on coming up and everyone thought he would be ideal – and it is the sort of interesting role he loves."

### Combination

The movie star's agents said he was "involved in a number of talks", but refused to give any more details.

Added Mr Anthony: "What I have been hearing is that a combination of Depp and director Tim Burton would be a perfect match-up. It is something everyone connected with the reissue is talking about."

The Dr Syn novels are set in the latter part of the 18th century and feature a character called Christopher Syn who is the vicar of Dymchurch by day – but the Scarecrow, leader of a feared gang called The Night Riders, when darkness falls.

Mr Anthony became interested in the subject aged 11 – but found no visual representation of the character existed.

He said: "I base my work on my childhood memories of the character and use the marsh as a backdrop."

## Starter homes for first-time buyers

A HOUSING development aimed specifically at first-time buyers has just been completed in the town.

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# Movie blockbusters are brightening up holidays

■ BY NICK AMES

THE bad weather this summer has proved a blessing for the local multiplex with cinema chiefs reporting bumper crowds.

Movie fans have flocked to Cineworld on the Eureka Leisure Park as the miserable weather during the school summer holidays sent many scuttling inside.

Audiences for The Dark Knight – the Batman film starring Christian Bale and Heath Ledger – were among the highest recorded with some shows selling out.

Other big hits have included The X Files, and superhero films Iron Man and Hellboy 2.

Earlier this summer, the tills were ringing to the tune of Abba-inspired musical Mamma Mia! and the big screen return of popular TV show hit Sex and the City.

### Groundbreaking

General manager of Cineworld Ashford, Andy Grove, told Yourashford: "With the poor summer weather the cinema has been particularly busy. The big summer blockbusters such as Sex and the City, Mamma Mia! and The Dark Knight have been extremely popular with the locals."

"We have seen Cineworld customers leaving with big smiles on their faces regardless of the gloomy weather outside."

Next big hit is predicted to be the Star Wars animation which follows the adventures of Anakin Skywalker – before he turns in to the villainous Darth Vader.

Star Wars: The Clone Wars has attracted good reviews and been praised for its groundbreaking animation techniques.

It opened on Friday and was expected to round off the school holidays for the complex with some hefty financial returns.

Film fan Melissa Hart, from Nine Acres, Bockhanger, said: "I live very close to Cineworld and so I go as often as I can."

"There is not a huge amount to do in Ashford and it is the one thing that we have got which is comparable – and even better

than – other towns."

Cineworld bosses have already expressed an interest in expanding its cinema chain to another in the town centre.

Earlier this month, Yourashford reported on the ambitious plans to transform land running alongside the railway track, between the old cattle market and the international station into a 'leisure quarter'.

Included in the plans are a new cinema complex, as well as restaurants and bars.



JUST FOR FLICKS: Big audiences at Ashford's Cineworld

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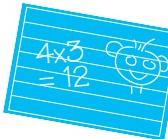
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## BREAK TIME

### Students and staff celebrate another fine round of results

THURSDAY was D-day for hundreds of sixth-formers across Ashford as they waited nervously to receive their A-level results.

Across the country there was a marked rise in passes and local schools have been excelling themselves.

Norton Knatchbull, in Hythe Road, has been turning out prize scholars since the 1630s and this year's results confirmed the tradition continues.

Deputy head John Gogarty said 31 per cent of pupils entered for the exams got A grades, which falls in with the national trends.

He said: "The pupils and staff have worked hard and as a result we have a good set of results."

The school was delighted with pupils Tom Avis, Aidan Barlow, Robert Burgess, Andrew Cox, Robert Dagger, Liam Harvey, Jeremy Hyde and James Roper who all got grade As in every subject they sat.

At Towers School, in Faversham Road, Kentington, head of sixth form Andrew Smith is delighted with the results that will send 33 students to university.

This year 86 per cent of the pupils entered passed, with 56 per cent of them getting two A levels. Pupils Holly McKenzie, with two As and a B, and Christina Peters, two As and a C, were singled out for praise.

Mr Smith said: "We are very pleased with the pass rate, which has been improving every year."

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# The price of success is costly for Manisha

■ BY NICK AMES

STUDENTS at South Kent College are celebrating a pass rate of 92 per cent in this year's A-level results – but for one girl success has come with crushing disappointment.

Gurkha soldier's daughter Manisha Sherchan, 18, from Millcourt Road, moved to England from Nepal two years ago.

And despite getting an A in Government and Politics, a B in Sociology and a C in Law, she can't afford to go on to university.

As a foreign national, she would have to pay nearly £10,000 for each year of the three-year university course.

Manisha, who's father, Khim, served in the elite regiment for 19 years, said: "My family is really pleased for me and I am really pleased with my results but it is somewhat spoiled by knowing that I can't go to university."

She gained the right grades to study Law at the University of Kent in Canterbury. Now she is considering studying for an AS-level in History at South Kent College.

Her Sociology tutor, Tania Johnson, said: "Manisha is talented, hardworking, motivated and committed to succeed – and she has been so disappointed. It seems so unfair that someone who has worked so hard can't go to university."

But for other students it was a day of celebration when their results came through.

Robert Beer, 19, of Willesborough, is choosing between two university courses – at Southampton or Brighton – after gaining a B in Finance, a C in Business, a D in English Literature and a D in Media Studies.

Megan Foster, 19, of Singleton, got a C in Politics, C in Law and D in History, and is



**BITTERSWEET:** Tutor Tania Johnson with Manisha Sherchan



**RESULT:** Megan Foster celebrates

going to Kingston University in Surrey to study Politics and History. She said: "I went to Homewood to start with, but it was too far to travel so I came to South Kent College instead and it has been great. The work was nice and steady and there was a really relaxed environment that I really enjoyed. I'm looking forward to a career in politics."

Deputy principal of South Kent College, Jackie Watt, said: "I am really pleased to see our results are even better than last year's."

"Our students' achievements brilliantly illustrate how further education gives young people the opportunity to go on to university."

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## I'll never understand rubbish idea of fortnightly collections

GOING green and saving the planet is an irritating business for most of us – but for the council staff employed to oversee our rubbish disposal, it remains a cause of excitement and gives them purpose.

It means more rules that they can apply. It means more burden they can dump on already financially stretched and harassed council tax payers and – better than that – it means they can even send people nasty letters if they accidentally stick a bit of cardboard in with glass for recycling.

Young spotty leaving some former polytechnic with his useless degree could never have expected his job in waste management could have led him to such a plethora of exciting powers that he could chuck about and make him feel like a man.

And he knows he'll have some recycling zealots backing him up, no matter how stupid the rubbish rules become.

Recycling zealots are of course more irritat-

ing than the anti-smoking brigade.

They celebrate their separation techniques, tell you how they wash tins cans and rinse milk cartons before placing them in the right box.

Well I say get a life. I don't want to be cleaning old packaging just so somebody else can sort it without getting dry tuna on their rubber glove. I do not have the time. That is why I pay my council tax so that my rubbish is spirited away and someone else worries about it.

But wait, I am sure there are those of you reading this who think recycling is exciting, necessary and the only way ahead.

I ask you just to support me on one thing...

There is no excuse – on this earth – for fortnightly food waste collections. Food waste smells and rots. It is a health hazard. It attracts vermin.

But no matter what EU imposed rules councils claim they are forced to follow to meet recycling targets, we still need to have our food waste bins emptied. Weekly.

The wheelie bins provided by our council are hopeless, far too small for a normal family. Our dustmen (sorry refuse collectors) are a reasonable bunch of blokes doing a crap job most of

us would prefer not to. Why, though, if there is an extra bag of rubbish alongside the wheelie bin do they just leave it?

Worse than that, if you miss putting your bins out, it means you could end up with a chicken carcass that is a month old by the time it is finally collected.

In an effort to escape this outrage I made the trip to the council dump last weekend to chuck ordinary dustbin waste into a huge machine, labelled 'household waste'. Fantastic. No sorting, no recycling, no worrying whether they notice the dead plant from the garden. Gone.

So, recycling's all well and good when I have the time. But I don't, so I'll pay others to do it. Go ahead, guys, save the planet, fill your boots, but come the next council elections I shall support the councillor, and party, which promises to reinstate the weekly waste collection.

I urge you all to do the same and end this madness.

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### RICHARD COTTEHAM

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This has always been a combined butcher and bakers shop since I have worked here. The previous owner's father used to own two separate shops but they decided to combine them together.

#### How did you get into the job?

It is quite strange really. I went to the North School and I really got into working with the animals on the farm. So I did want to work with animals but not exactly in the way I do here. I started working here part-time and just got more and more into it.

#### What do you think of Charing?

It is a very quiet village but I used to live in Smarden which was even quieter. Most of our customers come from the village. We have lots of regulars. I think the people here like to support the small shops if they can.

#### What's your favourite meat to work with?

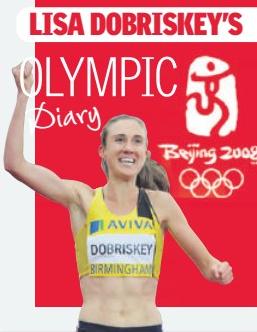
I like preparing the topside of beef. That involves quite a lot of work and you have to take care preparing it and make sure you make the right cuts because you can lose money if you get it wrong.

#### What do you do in your spare time?

I like to go fishing at the weekends. There is a lake nearby where I fish for pike and carp. I also do some fly fishing down in Tenterden, and sometimes I do a bit of sea fishing at Sandgate or Folkestone.



## YOUR LETTERS



ASHFORD Olympic star Lisa Dobriskey's regular online blog on [www.yourashford.co.uk](http://www.yourashford.co.uk) has proved a big hit with fans and well-wishers flocking to hear her views on taking part in the biggest sporting event in the world.

Here are just some of the comments we have received so far. And don't forget, keep up-to-date on Lisa's progress via the sports pages of our website.

### Go Lisa - you're the perfect role model

Just a note to say good luck when you are at the line of your race. The whole of the country is behind you and we all wish you good luck at the Games.

A very big well done for getting as far as you have – you are a role model to other young people in Kent.

Alex Bird, Oxford

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you every step of the way.  
Angela Day, Lydd on Sea

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## Go for gold Lisa

Good luck in your race, hope you win a gold medal for us.

Ian Barrett, Bexleyheath

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## Julie Rose would be proud of you

Wishing you all the best. Fingers crossed for gold. I have teenage memories of racing against Julie Rose (she used to run in the boys' races at Ashford and district schools trials).

I'm sure she'd be made up to witness your progress.

Adrian Pope, Cranbrook

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## We'll be watching

Great to see your updates, we still follow your progress with pride. Wishing you all the best in Beijing – we will be watching you all the way. Our very best wishes to you and all the family.

Pam Meller, New Romney, Kent

## Sandy's passing a blow for the county

The death of Sandy Bruce-Lockhart after a long fight against cancer is a major loss to Kent.

It was with great sadness that I read about his death on your website.

It was easy to forget that Sandy was a Tory, as he always represented the best interests of Kent and not narrow-minded party political lines.

I was lucky enough to meet him and he came across as a true gentleman who really cared about our wonderful county.

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Mark Rogers

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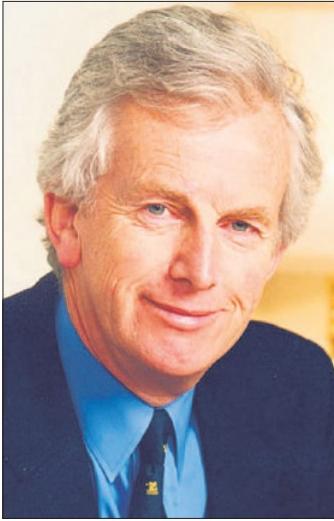
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**Tributes:** Former Kent County Council leader Lord Bruce-Lockhart lost his fight against cancer, aged 66

## He will be sorely missed

The Webb family send our sincere condolences to Tess and family.

Sandy was a very kind man who gave a wonderful service to Kent and to Local Government across the UK, and to English Heritage.

Sandy will be greatly missed, especially in Kent.

Graham Webb MBE

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## A man respected by all

Our condolences to his family. He was a true human being who everyone respected. He will be sadly missed.

Reg & Wendy Hansell,

Comments left on [www.yourashford.co.uk](http://www.yourashford.co.uk)

## I couldn't have worked with a nicer person

I had the pleasure of working with Sandy as a press officer for four years whilst he was chairman of the Local Government Association – he was a lovely man and a pleasure to work with.

I'm very sorry to hear of his sad passing this morning and his wife, Tess, and his family are in my thoughts.

Lynne Morris

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## Fight against tunnel true mark of an honest man

I am shocked and saddened to hear Sandy Bruce-Lockhart has died.

He always struck me as fair and honest, which is rare for politicians, and fought incredibly hard for our county.

I think his stance on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link was commendable and he continued to stand up for the people throughout his political career.

He will be sadly missed and my thoughts go to his family at this difficult time.

Ben Matthews

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## Sandy did so much for us

How very sad I was to read about Sandy Bruce-Lockhart's death.

He did so much for this county and will be sorely missed.

I pass on my condolences to his family.

H Riggs

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## Government is drowning in a sea of its own greed

Behind-closed-doors Government urgently needs re-adjustment to stop malfunctioning.

Misgovernment comes out of selfish pettiness – luxury at taxpayers' expense for MPs, councillors and head honchos of public sector bodies, compared to criminal convictions and fines of £110 from bin police, and council tax for diminishing services, etc.

The correction in the housing market was long-overdue. Where is the equivalent correction of greed and profligacy in finan-

cial or Government institutions?

Mass building of flats, buy-to-let etc has been disasters. So has bribing students to stay-on at school whether able scholars or not and free travel while old people are restricted, all send out the wrong messages.

Generations that did work find ingratitude. The old soldiers were casualties not defenceless civilians in manufactured wars, all these are manifestations of an out-of-control world order where guileful politicians rule the roost with savagery and injustice.

Never before did PPI investors get-rich-quick out of public funds, or Northern Wreck bank become taxpayers' liability, or monopoly utilities becoming foreign owned

and oligarchs buying up swathes of London.

Over-consumption of finite resources is the aim of the vapid z-list celebrities and nouveau-riche who believe in profit without philanthropy.

The convenient claim that wall-to-wall housing is essential is false. Many of us would live like the Golden Girls, where comedy and common humanity was wrapped up in a series for TV. Rising Damp was about lodgers, Only Fools & Horses was about different generations living and laughing together.

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Rita Grootendorst, by email



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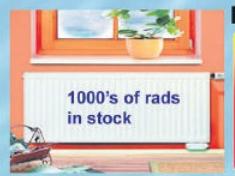
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There will be a vast array of groups attending, covering diverse periods from the ancient Greeks, Vikings and medieval knights to Napoleonic troopers, the American Civil War, the two world wars and Vietnam.

With both indoor and outdoor trade stalls and rare vehicles on display, the event offers a full day out for all the family.

Attracting many of the top living history groups from across the UK and Europe, this year's event will feature contributions from groups representing Celts, Saxons, Normans, medieval jousting knights, medieval households and Napoleonic times, which include troopers from Poland, Russia and France.

World War One will be represented by aircraft from the Manston Air Museum along with the 10th Essex, the Birmingham Pals and the Royal Flying Corps contingent.

Find out about life during World War Two with the airborne Screaming Eagles Living History Group, the 29th Historical Association, LHA, the 514th QM Truck Regiment Re-enactment Group and The Burma Mule Association with their pack mules and other regiments.



**FEROIOUS:** Above, Roman centurions will be demonstrating their skills, and left, youngsters learn the military history and have fun too

Watch the skirmishes, pitched battles and drills by those on the front line and discover what life was like for those at home with the civilian counterparts. With the opportunity to take home collectable souvenirs, such as toy soldiers and other historical goods, there is plenty on offer throughout the weekend.

One-day tickets on the gate cost £14/£11.50 for adults, £8.50 for children aged five to 15 and £40.50 for families. Two and three-day tickets are available. For more information and discounted advance booking visit [www.military-odyssey.com](http://www.military-odyssey.com).

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## THE FAIR MAID OF THE SOUTH EAST

Sunday, August 24  
Amphitheatre, Folkestone

FOR those who like a good yarn, Thomas Heywood's The Fair Maid of the West is a rip-roaring adventure for all the family.

Re-dubbed The Fair Maid of the South East for this tour, it is an epic tale of love, triumph, disaster, heroes, villains and all manner of swashbuckling. The 16th century story follows the adventures of humble barmaid Bess who falls for handsome nobleman Spencer. When a tavern brawl leaves him with blood on his hands and the urgent need to flee, Bess vows to follow her true love out onto the high seas.

The open-air show is presented by Third Party, an international touring compa-



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ny specialising in Elizabethan and Jacobean plays. The show starts at 7pm

and is free. To find out more about the company visit [www.thirdparty.org.uk](http://www.thirdparty.org.uk).



## COBTREE COUNTRY FAIR

Sunday to Monday, August 24-25  
Museum of Kent Life, Sandling

TERRIERS will be providing some of the entertainment at the Cobtree Country Fayre this bank holiday weekend.

The tenacious little dogs will be racing during the two-day event, as will ferrets, and there will be the chance to admire more highly skilled animals during the falconry show. See how sheepdogs keep ducks in line and watch a heavy horse demonstration at this celebration of rural life.

Visitors should bring their pooches along if

they would like to take part in the fun dog show, where a number of rosettes and the Judges Choice trophy will be up for grabs. Highland dancers will be showing off their skills, while live music from local bands will also get toes tapping.

There will be lots of children's entertainment on offer along with more than 40 trade stands selling everything from homemade fudge to jewellery.

The museum is open from 10am to 5pm daily. Tickets cost £8.50/£7 for adults, £6.20 for children aged three to 15 and are free for under-threes. To save £1 on gate prices by booking in advance call 01622 602169.

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The show starts at 7.30pm both days with a 2.30pm matinee on Wednesday. Tickets are priced from £13.50 to £24.50. To book call 01227 787787 or visit [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com).

## MAGIC OF THE DANCE

Tuesday and Wednesday,  
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DANCING until their feet literally catch on fire, the stars of Magic of the Dance have been setting stages alight for 10 years.

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### Take a tour of meadow that'll drive you batty

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Kent Bat Group will lead a discovery tour around Buxford Meadow and Singleton Lake, in the hope of spotting a bat. The event will be held next Tuesday, running from 7.15pm to 9.15pm, and is suitable for adults and children. Bring a torch.

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### Musicians to make some noise during charity day

AN ARRAY of local bands will be taking part in the annual Live Music Charity Day at The Star in East Hill, Ashford.

Running from midday to midnight on Saturday the event features performances by Equilibrium, Down 'n' Dirty, Live 'n' Kickin', User Friendly, Scary Mary, Cold Shots, Fusion, JAG, Where's My Thing and Charlie Boot & The Foot Sloggers.

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### Hotel gig promises a mix of great favourites

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The Folkestone Academy sixth form has a dedicated Vocational workshop for the trades, offering top quality training in Carpentry, Plumbing and Motor Vehicle with small class sizes and industry standard tools and equipment.

The Academy believes the best way to prepare students for the industry is with a strong technical grounding, built on practical experience in the workshops.

Several companies have expressed an interest in taking on Academy students for apprenticeship training, once they have achieved the technical certificate, which shows they have a good basic understanding of the trade.

"We offer something slightly different to other providers, who offer apprenticeships from day one, before they have the basic technical and practical skill. Here we train students through the Technical Certificate before embarking on an apprenticeship in the industry"

*(Mr Banks, Head of Vocational Trades)*

September will see the appointment of Kevin Hector as lecturer in plumbing at the Folkestone Academy. Kevin has experienced many successful years in the industry, since his own career was given a boost when he was crowned 'Plumber Of The Year' whilst at college.

Mr Hector is keen to showcase the skills of Academy students at events such as the National Skills Olympics which features skills as diverse as hairdressing, welding and landscaping.

"It would be incredibly rewarding for the students to try and get involved with these competitions, knowing this could help them in the future, after going through the experience myself"  
*(Mr Hector, Lecturer in Plumbing)*

Students on the Trade courses can see a clear route into employment ahead of them. Having gained confidence, knowledge and of course the Level 2 Technical Certificate at the Academy, students are well equipped to enter into apprenticeship training, where they will continue to learn on the job, whilst earning a wage.

The Folkestone Academy still has places on its Plumbing and Carpentry courses, amongst others for September 2008 entry. Further details of all sixth form courses are available on the website: [www.folkestoneacademy.com](http://www.folkestoneacademy.com)

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"A professional plumber came in a couple of weeks ago, who taught us lots of practical skills for work in the industry, like charging pipes to only 10 bar. I definitely want to become a professional plumber and plan to stay on to study Level 2 next year and then try to get an apprenticeship with a local company. I've got really into plumbing and really enjoy it. It's a good career with great job prospects and I could earn up to £30,000 a year!"

*(Plumbing student)*



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### Dyson Brown

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## Women shape up their lives with shakes

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One of the most popular products he offers is Formula 1 – a shake-style drink developed 27 years ago. A meal in itself in one glass, it is the ideal start to any day as it is packed

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fantastic. I thought I was going mad before – basically I feel it has been my saving grace.

• Katrina from Gosport: I desperately tried to lose weight and improve my health.

I was running nearly every day, using my gym and trying to eat healthily, but I just couldn't seem to shift the weight. Then I stumbled across the ShapeWorks programme. I lost over a stone in 6 weeks, and reduced from a size 14 to a size 10.

My health improved immensely, especially my energy levels.

With the shakes I can do far more than I ever could before. I went on to lose one-and-a-half stone and am now a size 8.



### TOP TIPS

#### Think Slim 'n' Trim

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■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

WITH the credit crunch biting into once note-filled wallets across the country, the allure of top-quality 'free entertainment' is stronger than ever.

And so I bring you news of the 18th annual Faversham International Hop Festival, being held in the historic market town on Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31.

Festival organisers have lined up a record number of bands, street entertainers, craft stalls and children's activities for the free weekend – with the number of acts booked on the live stages alone more than doubling any previous year's efforts.

Organiser Catherine Herbert said: "We're really proud that visitors can see live music for free at the festival, particularly now we are all feeling the effects of the credit crunch."

One of the weekend's biggest draws is former Average White Band star Hamish Stuart, who has toured with half of The Beatles, namely Paul McCartney and later Ringo Starr.

### Talent

Mr Stuart, who has also penned tracks for the likes of Diana Ross and Smokey Robinson in his distinguished career will be joined by the likes of The Hot Rats and Happy Trails, fresh from their well-received offerings at Broadstairs Folk Week.

Home-grown talent will be provided by artists such as Martin Young, Abbey School band Elicium, Three Blind Mice and the Hop Festival Band.

The Continent will also be represented, with Belgian bands Follia and Trommelfluft and French group Sur Les Docks braving the oft-choppy conditions of the Channel to perform.

A whole host of pubs and clubs across Faversham have agreed to stage bands and exhibitions, something which has impressed Catherine Herbert.

She said: "The town has really entered into the spirit of things. The Bear pub is serving 'Hop Pickers' Fayre' for hungry festival-goers, and there is a great photographic exhibition coming up at the Drill Hall in Preston Street called A Year in the Life of Faversham.

"We are thrilled that so many people in the town are as excited about the Hop Festival as we are.

"With music to suit eclectic tastes, children's entertainers, professional street theatre, stilt walkers, Morris dancing, craft fare and ceilidh, it's a weekend for family and friends to enjoy."

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**AT THE HOP:** The Faversham line-up includes Follia (top), Happy Trails (above left) and Hamish Stuart (above right), formerly of the Average White Band, pictured in concert during his days touring with Paul McCartney

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Just when you thought the Star Wars bandwagon had finally ground to a halt on the silver screen, here comes the first computer-animated movie in the saga. The Clone Wars is set on the front lines of an intergalactic struggle between good and evil, and fans will join such favourite characters as Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Padmé Amidala.

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In 1939 London, Miss Guinevere Pettigrew (Frances McDormand) is a middle-aged governess who, finding herself once again unfairly dismissed from her job, realises she must seize the day and applies to be a social secretary. Arriving at a penthouse apartment for the interview, she is catapulted into the glamorous world of actress and singer Delysia Lafosse (Amy Adams).

# Don't mess with Adam

■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

AS Adam Sandler chases a terrorist along an Israeli beach, his hairy, muscled torso glistens in the sun.

While the Jewish-born comic actor will always be more Austin Powers than James Bond, there's no denying those muscles are real.

America's favourite goofy guy has clearly been working out for his latest film, You Don't Mess With The Zohan.

He's usually famous for his slapstick schtick, but this time Sandler – the film's lead actor, producer and writer – has decided to push both himself and the boundaries of comedy to the limit.

In You Don't Mess With The Zohan, Sandler plays Zohan Dvir, an Israeli commands who wants to become a hairdresser. After faking his own death, Tel Aviv's finest counterterrorist heads to Manhattan armed just with a book of 1980s hairstyles and a desire to make all hair 'silky-smooth'.

Although many of Sandler's 20 films over the past decade, such as The Waterboy, 50 First Dates and Spanglish, have catered for a mainstream audience, his more recent movies have had certain critics gnawing at their hot-dogs.

Last year's I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry delved into the subject of gay marriage and You Don't Mess With The Zohan focuses on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Adam says the idea for the movie – which features a disproportionate amount of jokes about Jews, terrorists, Arabs, goats and hummus – came to him many years ago.

"I had this Israeli guy who used to cut my hair and I always used to ask him questions about the Israeli army. And he would fix my hair while mentioning missions



DON'T MESS IT UP: Sandler plays a counterterrorist who wants to be a hairdresser

he was on and stuff." But although he wrote the movie almost 10 years ago, the events of 9/11 pushed the script to the bottom of the pile.

It was only when other comedians began poking fun at sensitive subjects that he thought the world was ready.

"We were consciously trying to do our own thing," he says.

"But I do think Borat is one of the funniest movies. I tried to make sure we didn't do Borat, but I'm sure on occasion we went a bit 'Boraty'."

Adam's character, The Zohan, has a legendary reputation for

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thwarting terrorists, womanising and disco-dancing. The 41-year-old followed a strict workout regime to bring his alter-ego to life.

"He worked out every single day for five months," says director Dennis Dugan. "And moaned about it every single day."

"Then when we shot for 100 days, he worked out every single day of the shoot and moaned about it every single day."

It's clear from his friendly, intimate tone that he and Adam get on well. Adam is well known for working with his friends; and luckily the famous actor can count some of the best of Hollywood's comedy talent among his mates.

The You Don't Mess With the Zohan production team includes writers Robert Smigel and Judd Apatow (Knocked Up) and actors Rob Schneider and John Turturro.

"Many years ago I lived with Judd Apatow, and Rob [Schneider] was right across the street," Adam explains.

Apatow was best friends with Jim Carrey and we all hung out.

"Ben Stiller and all those guys – we all hung out in the same crappy apartment."

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

### TONIGHTLY

Channel 4, 11.05pm, Wednesday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday

### NEIGHBOURS

Channel Five, 5.30pm, weekdays

■ BY TOM BETTS

IT'S not unusual for TV channels to recycle old ideas in the hunt to fill air time.

All the channels do it and the results vary. Think about it: for every well-received update of a concept such as Doctor Who, there's an updated Crossroads.

Even those travelling cooks, the Hairy Bikers, owe a certain something to the Two Fat Ladies – and I'm not just talking about facial hair.

It is with that in mind that we look at Tonightly, the topical news comedy show currently battling it out with all manner of other nonsense for your pre-bedtime viewing attention.

This is undoubtedly a homage – or straight rip-off, if you prefer – to The Eleven O'Clock Show, so successful in the late 90s and early 2000s.

Jason Manford, who occasionally raises a laugh on the sporadically amusing Eight Out Of Ten Cats, hosts, with Andi Osho stepping into the sidekick role, once occupied by mucky-mouthed redhead Daisy Donovan.

The pair do their best to satirise current events and there a few nice one-liners scattered about, but it's rarely anything more than a one-joke show and some of the edgier comments border on the plain distasteful.

I'm no Mary Whitehouse, but jokes about the events in Georgia just hours after it had all began were too close to the bone.

If people are being blown apart on the news hours beforehand, you had at least got to make your joke funny or



TITTER YE NOT: Jason Manford, host of Channel 4's topical new comedy Tonightly, fails to deliver

make some kind of point, but Manford managed neither.

What seemed edgy just a few years ago now passes as unimaginative and the world seems to have moved on a bit.

The puerile humour that once got a few titters seems dated and pointless.

While its predecessor launched both Ali G and Ricky Gervais into the mainstream, this effort is unlikely to do the same for its stars.

Has anyone caught up with Neighbours since it jumped ship to Channel Five? The always beautiful people of Erinsborough (an anagram of Neighbours – bet you didn't know that!) are the latest TV subjects to make the switch to high definition.

Each episode now bears a closer resemblance to a Hollywood blockbuster rather than a tea-time soap.

While we should be grateful for such high production values, it does make you wonder if Lou Carpenter and Harold Bishop in such flawless scope is a good idea, with dinner just hitting the table.

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## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU'RE no longer intent on presenting a particular image to the public. It feels false and deceptive. Brutal honesty is the name of the game now. You may be shocked to learn your friends have known about your secret for a long time. Their forgiveness will be an inspiration to you.

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### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

SOME private business could become public, which proves embarrassing. Instead of apologising, change your behaviour. People's faith in you will be restored once they see you are serious about correcting past mistakes. Lean on an older friend for guidance.

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### ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)

YOU could leave a group quite suddenly this week. It feels as though the people involved fooled you as to their motives. You no longer want to be associated with this organisation. Ending your ties to these people could improve your career prospects.

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### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

RESPONSIBILITIES toward another person could finally come to an end. Although this comes as a relief, a small part of you still wants to be needed. This is a lovely time to go on a short trip. Your health is about to undergo a tremendous improvement.

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### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

DEALINGS with a child or lover could undergo some significant changes. It's time to take them off the pedestal you've put them on. Relatives can lend welcome perspective to this situation. Don't let a bully make you feel guilty about this expenditure. It will be money well spent.

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### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU'RE about to experience a big change. It may be impossible to continue with a particular job. Hidden clauses or new responsibilities will make this position very difficult for you, but don't worry you'll be able to embark on a path that is much more enjoyable and creative.

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### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

GARBLED instructions could force you to change the way you do business. It's important to nip such miscommunications in the bud, or you could lose even more money and clients. Fortunately, you have some attractive new products and services on offer.

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### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

A JOB or source of income could come to an end. Don't bother trying to find out what happened. There may be hidden forces at work here. You could be asked to act as a consultant. You've accumulated lots of expertise over the years. Now it's time to capitalise on it.

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## All aboard the desert camel train

BY RICHARD CRANIDGE

AS soon as you glimpse a brochure from Exodus, one of the most successful operators in the booming business of family adventure holidays, you know you aren't in for one of those holidays where everybody sits around slowly tanning themselves.

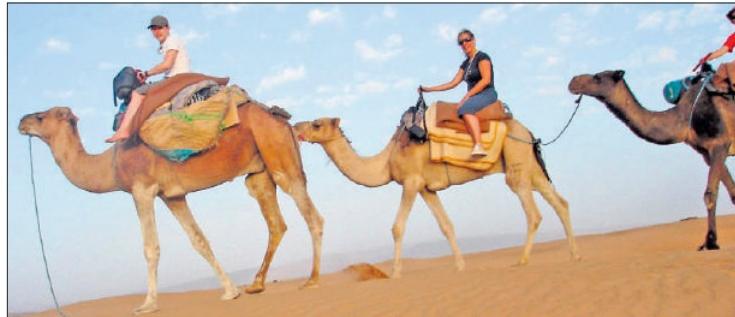
But in the bustling main street of the Moroccan town of Ourzazat, across the High Atlas mountains from Marrakech, the cheerful pep talk from our guide was intended to prepare us for the challenges that lay ahead.

Over bread and croissants at breakfast, our guide gave us his three golden rules: 1 Don't drink the water. 2 Don't buy food from dodgy street stalls. 3 Always ask before taking photos of locals (not that they'll want to thump you, but they might demand a few dirhams in appearance fees).

With that, we were off on a 300-mile trek spanning seven rather hectic days – safe in the hands of our trusty minibus driver.

The sun beats down mercilessly on this country for most of the year, with the average rainfall for September just 0.3in and an average temperature of 31°C. Yet in the midst of the arid plains and hills, rivers occasionally force their way to the surface, providing oases and vital agricultural land.

Within these pockets of green, villagers who



**SUITED TO THE SAHARA:** Camels have a reputation for being grumpy... but they're just what you need in the desert

live in traditional adobe dwellings – made from baked mud and straw – grow dates, melons, figs and apricots for sale in local markets.

Eventually, however, most of the water dries up and the Sahara stretches out for thousands of miles as far as the Red Sea.

At the outpost town of Zagora, we left behind the minibus for the traditional means of transport of the Sahara.

Despite their amazing feats of endurance, camels have gained a reputation for being smelly and grumpy, but the ones that took our group of 15, bags and bedding on a two-hour trek into the desert certainly didn't put me off the beasts.

It gave the next stop on our tour a tough act to follow, but a place used as a film set for

Gladiator, Lawrence of Arabia and a host of other films is bound not to disappoint.

Our accommodation in the mountains was rather more basic, what the Moroccans call a gite, which would probably just pass the youth hostel test in Britain. However, what it lacked in facilities, it more than made up for in character.

Next day, as a cooling breeze blew in from the south, we enjoyed a walk up into the mountains.

Just a few hours later, we found ourselves standing in the central square of Djemaa El Fna in Marrakech. Fifty miles away, it seemed like a whole world away in its bustling busy-ness.

Morocco provides a magnificent assault on the senses. I will definitely return before the sands of time run out – and it is dragged into the 21st century by nearby Europe.

### FACT FILE: MOROCCO

Time difference	As United Kingdom
Capital	Rabat
Population	33.7 million
Language	Arabic
Climate	Mediterranean
Religion	Islam
Currency	Dirham (approx 14.3 to £1)

### Travel details

Richard Cranidge was a guest of Exodus, which operates eight-day escorted journeys to Marrakech and the Sahara from £689 per person, including return flights from Heathrow, travel by private minibus and camel, five nights' hotel accommodation, one night gite accommodation, and one night in a Bedouin camp. Package also includes all breakfasts and two dinners. Price of package without flights starts at £415.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Confusion clouds minimum targets

GOVERNMENT proposals for minimum housing requirements could harm the environment and stretch transport, schools, energy and water supplies to breaking point, says the South East England Regional Assembly's planning committee.

Newly-elected committee chairman Cllr Moira Gibson has written to Housing Minister Caroline Flint calling for certainty on the number of homes expected from local authorities.

The Government says annual housing targets are now the minimum that each council should deliver up until 2026.

However, Cllr Gibson, a Conservative, said this would prevent realistic assessments of the environmental impact of new homes and infrastructure.

She said: "A target should be a long-term goal, not a starting point. Otherwise housing allocations could be exceeded without the impacts on infrastructure, the environment and the community having been tested."

"Government could be creating unnecessary problems by saying the targets are minimums and not allowing authorities the flexibility to spread housing delivery across a number of years."

"This will prevent councils planning properly for the future and create unsustainable developments."

Vice-chairman Cllr Jerry Patterson, a Liberal Democrat, said: "Apart from problems with sustainability, minimum housing targets are unrealistic. Local authorities can grant planning permission for homes but have no control over whether or not developers build them."

### Southern comfort over house prices

PROPERTY prices in the South East are likely to remain reasonably strong despite the economic downturn, according to market analysts Knight Frank.

The area – which includes Kent but also takes in London – will do well because of the sheer number of people who live there, say the experts.

Company spokesman Liam Frank said: "The strongest markets over the next few years will be London and the South East due to the weight of demand for accommodation."

The overall market has seen a downturn in recent months, but the very latest figures from the Halifax indicate that this may be slowing down and the sector stabilising.



BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS: Buying a property for your student offspring as a medium-term investment is becoming increasingly attractive, but take care to avoid the pitfalls

## What could possibly go wrong, daddy?

AN INCREASING number of parents are benefiting from investing in a student property to help out their children at university, say leading lawyers Moore Blatch.

Market analysts have said the price of accommodation in university towns is low enough to attract investors who feel they can provide for their children and then make a profit if they later decide to sell on.

The fluctuating market is another attraction as many feel that house prices will be increasing again within three or four years – the usual time for a degree course.

Estate agents in Canterbury said they had seen an increase in enquiries when it came to

flats usually rented to University of Kent students.

The Medway towns have seen a similar interest in properties close to the Greenwich university campus.

Last year an estimated 3,000 parents in the UK bought a house or flat for a family member to live in while studying and, as property prices fall and rents are on the increase, the idea of buying a cheap property for their student offspring is becoming increasingly attractive.

Market experts say the following advantages can be gained:

- Arrangements could be structured in such a way that any gains in property prices are free of Capital Gains Tax.
- A suitable trust structure can protect the asset from reckless behaviour.

• Rent-a-room relief allows the child to rent out rooms to fellow students for up to £4,250 a year tax-free – equivalent to a mortgage of almost £80,000.

• Other rental income will be charged at the student's personal tax band, which is likely to be basic rate.

Andy Kirby, manager at Moore Blatch solicitors, said: "Many desirable flats are currently being sold at a discount in university towns due to an oversupply and a scarcity of new buy-to-let investors."

"With rental costs still high, parents should consider the pros and cons of buying rather than renting. A word of caution, however: it is essential to place the property in a suitable trust arrangement such that the offspring cannot take reckless decisions."

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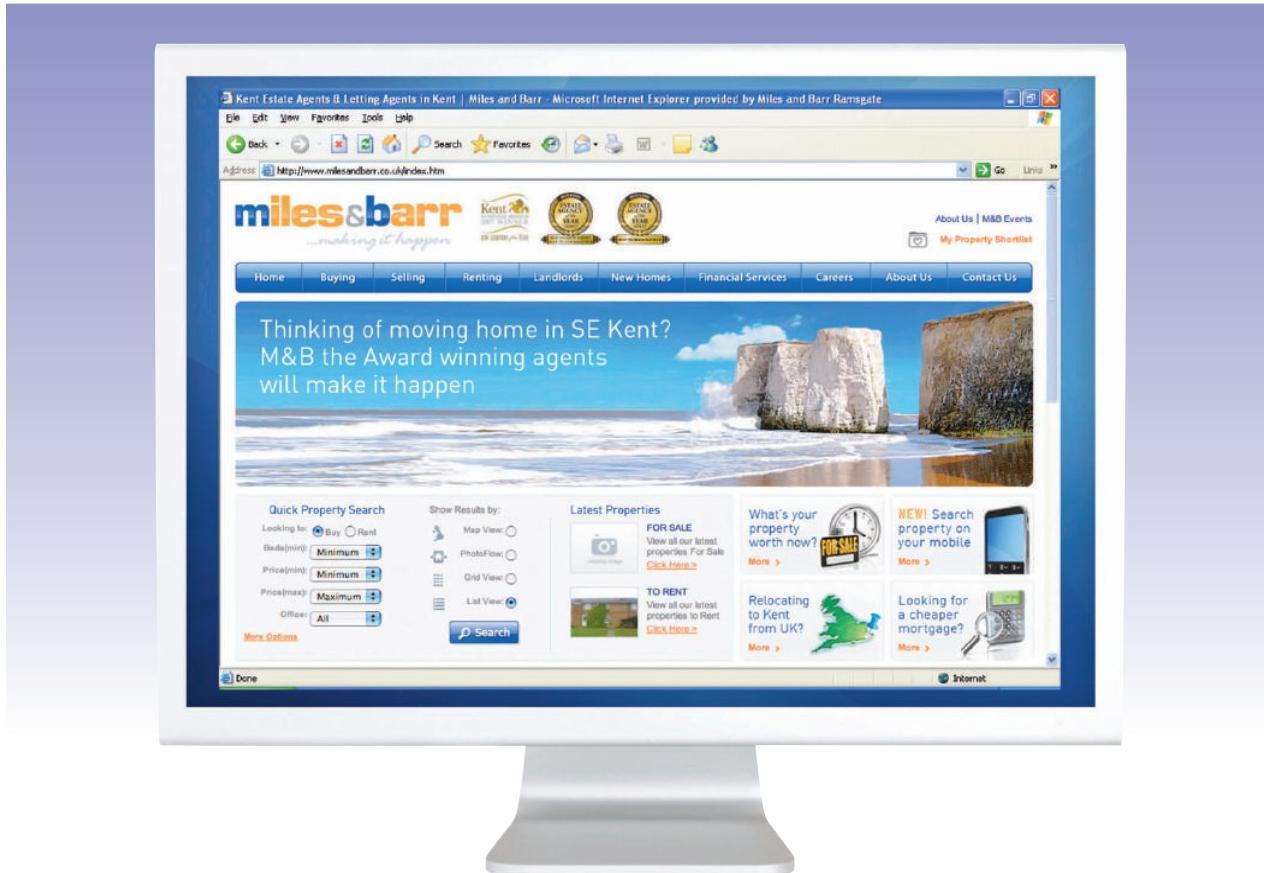
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Qashqai all-rounder now attacks the Zafira

NISSAN'S sales success with its Qashqai all-rounder was virtually guaranteed by axing three cars to make way for it.

The dull Almera family hatch, Primera family car and ailing Tino MPV all went, but their replacement competes so well on so many levels as part family hatchback, part family wagon, part SUV and part MPV, while all-wheel drive models can even hack it a little off-road.

And now Nissan wants to add seven-seat midi-MPV power in the sector dominated by the Vauxhall Zafira, by offering the new Qashqai+2 in October from £17,199.



### Latest Cayman poses 911 query over style

PORSCHE'S mid-range Cayman model has a new flagship – the S Sport, on sale from September 13 at £48,890.

Derived from the long-running Boxster roadster in 2005, the Cayman proved so successful that some experts queried whether it threatened the German sporting marque's 'icon' – the legendary rear-engine 911.

The new Cayman's flat-six boxer engine has 12bhp more power than the standard Cayman S and even looks like a 911 GT3 RS when decked out in that model's trademark orange or green with side flashes, as pictured.



### Leaner, greener, beamer

BMW'S most affordable croptop – the 1-Series Convertible – has two leaner and greener options.

They are the 118d and 123d (from £23,660) with the former featuring BMW's most economical four-cylinder diesel ever; an engine that has won the title of World Green Car of the Year for the 1-Series hatchback.

In the convertible, the 1,995cc turbodiesel produces 143bhp, a 0-62mph time of 9.5 seconds, plus a top speed of 129mph, but also averages nearly 60mpg and emits just 129g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>.



A LITTLE GEM: Nissan has steadily massaged the Micra's exterior detailing to make it more unisex after early versions suffered from a feminine look, there is even a raunchy SR model

# Celebrate 25 years with the latest Nissan Micra

NISSAN'S Micra supermini has just celebrated 25 years and the third generation car looks as fresh as ever.

The term 'modtro' was coined for launch advertising in 2002, neatly capturing the car's mixture of modern and retro style repeated more recently by the reborn Fiat 500 and is sure to herald more small fashion models.

It was not always like this; the original 1983 vintage Micra was about as conventional as a supermini could be and was virtually ignored at its British Motor Show debut.

Nissan had the last laugh though when this car became the platform for several limited edition vehicles, two of which are sought after second-hand by UK buyers even now – the Figaro and the snail-shaped S-Cargo van.

No doubt spurred on by these funky creations, the 1992 second generation car had a distinctive 'over-inflated' rounded style of its own that also marked a major expansion of the Nissan site at Sunderland.

The current car might be six years old, but is perhaps even more contemporary now that it

## ROAD TEST NISSAN MICRA

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

has the Fiat 500 for company.

Dynamically, it also stands comparison with the newer model, but its age is starting to show against other modern rivals in terms of driving enjoyment and on-road refinement.

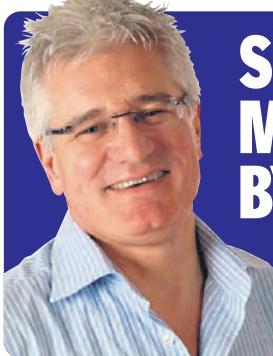
That said, the Micra remains one of the best value cars in its class and is well-built with generous specifications.

Nissan has also steadily massaged exterior detailing to make it more unisex after early versions suffered from a rather more feminine look. Indeed, there is even a pair of 'warmed-up' and raunchy SR performance models.

The engine range is one of the finest in the sector, making it quite tough to decide on the best option: the Renault-derived 1.5dCi diesel is tempting for economy and power but price and the current diesel versus petrol price differential argues against it.

My preference is the bargain basement 1.2 petrol as tested here; it is good on fuel, keeps you in a sensible road tax band (band-C – £120/year) and starts at just £7,700 in junior Visia spec – high spec Tekna versions start from £10,800.

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### MINI D



USED values for the frugal yet lively diesel version of BMW's reborn Mini are steep, but the rewards are worth it; the car drives well, oozes class, will save money while you run it and be worth more when you sell. The downside is a relatively cramped interior in comparison with its exterior – the antithesis of its all-British forebear – and rarity when buying. A late 'Mark II' petrol version with BMW's eco-friendly 'Efficient Dynamics' package is a possible alternative though.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S five-door city car shows that a highly space-efficient interior does not have to result in a utilitarian exterior. The compact Italian is also decent to drive, cheap to insure and costs peanuts to run. The original Panda of the 1980s was also cheap and cheerful, but didn't feature the cutting edge technology of its modern day counterpart. A lively turbodiesel – averaging more than 65mpg – and a rugged little 4x4 option only add to the Panda's powerful attractions.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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### PEUGEOT 107



PEUGEOT'S smallest model is the best-seller of a joint venture three and five-door city car project that also spawned the Toyota Aygo and Citroën C1. All come from the same production line in the Czech Republic and, with minor styling tweaks, are modern, stylish, cheap to run and reliable. Launch prices were not as cheap as expected, but robust new car sales and second-hand values indicate that the public is willing to pay to save money and the planet.

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Total Deposit	£2,888.56
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Interest Charges	£848.56
Balance Amount Payable	£11,955.00
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- Electric rear windows with global closing

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Our Deposit Contribution	£600.00
Cash Deposit	£2,487.01
Total Deposit	£3,087.01
Balance to Finance	£11,407.99
Interest Charges	£843.01
Balance Amount Payable	£12,251.00
Finance Monthly Payment	<b>£279.00</b>
GMFV	£5,545.00
Term	24 months
Typical APR	<b>4.9%</b>

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Total Vehicle Price	£14,495.00
Our Deposit Contribution	£600.00
Cash Deposit	£2,536.42
Total Deposit	£3,136.42
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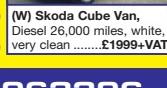
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Closing date for both posts: 5th September 2008

Interview date for both posts: 30th September 2008

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**T1352**

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For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk) or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk)

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**Closing date:** 5th September 2008  
**Interview date for all posts:** 16th & 22nd September

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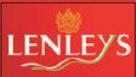
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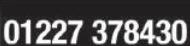
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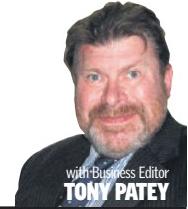


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The award will be judged by Caroline Chambers, of Channel Chamber of Commerce; Loris Loudon, of Hall Place Business Centre, Canterbury Christchurch University; Simon Teague, of Lashings World XI/Javelin Business Strategies; and David Bentley, of Business Link.

### Roadside chain reports summer visitors boost

ROADSIDE restaurant chain Little Chef says there has been an increase in sales since mid-July due to the increase in Brits holidaying at home this year.

Little Chef, which celebrates its 50th birthday this year and has many sites in Kent, reports an average of an eight per cent rise in sales since the start of the school summer holidays.

Reasons are a combination of more cars on the road and a raised profile since the chain launched a marketing drive earlier this year and announced its partnership with Michelin-starred chef Heston Blumenthal.

Chief executive Ian Pegler said: "We expect the numbers to continue to rise during the rest of the holiday period."

### Takeover jobs 'are safe'

STAFF at 28 stores in Kent belonging to supermarket chain Somerfield, which has been taken over by the Co-operative Group in a £1.57 billion deal, have been told their jobs are safe.

Somerfield's private equity owners – Barclays Capital, Apax Partners, property tycoon Robert Tchenguiz and Icelandic bank Kaupthing – bought the group in 2005 for £1.2 billion.

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# Head them off at the pass...

THE number of cowboy builders and employers of casual labour trading without insurance has risen sharply in recent months.

It is estimated that one in five tradespeople in Kent are risking heavy fines by working without cover.

Research by small business insurer Insurantz, a division of the Jardine LloydThompson Group, shows that thousands of uninsured companies are risking fines of up to £2,500 a day and even negligence claims against them. And many don't even know their statutory obligations.

The credit crunch has put thousands of construction jobs at risk, and tradesmen, from plumbers to plasterers, are increasingly expected to seek out *ad hoc* independent jobs – often working at a number of locations.

But if they operate without public liability and statutory employer's liability insurance, they'll be putting themselves on the line.

Julia Evans, chief executive of the National Federation of Builders, said: "As conditions become increasingly tough for smaller firms, Kent business owners will naturally want to cut down on overheads.

"But operating without adequate insurance cover exposes them to far greater levels of risk than a downturn."

Another consideration is damage or injury caused to third parties. Although some casual workers will be covered by main contractor's insurance, they may still need to carry public liability cover against damage to a third party property or injury through negligence.

Ms Evans said: "You cannot legally trade without employer's liability insurance, meaning you could face huge penalties or even prison if you fail to ensure you have this cover."

"Having no public liability insurance also makes you personally liable for being sued – meaning your own assets are at risk as well as your business's."

James Pickering, managing director of Insurantz, said: "Our research has revealed

■ BY TONY PATEY

that 29 per cent of small businesses run by tradespeople from Kent aren't aware of the statutory need for employer's liability if they employ anyone either on a full-time or casual basis.

"Failure in not taking out cover could result in fines of up to £2,500 a day and the potential of crippling costs for damages if anyone employed is injured. British builders must take action to make sure that they can trade safely."

Increasingly, small businesses and sole traders are using online services to make their lives quicker and easier. Tax returns are now completed online and Datamonitor research has recently highlighted that employer's liability is the type of cover most likely to be bought online.

Mr Pickering added: "Employer's and public liability are among the easiest of policies to buy."



**KEEP ME COVERED:** Cowboy builders could be riding for a fall – and heavy fines – if they operate without insurance

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# No-show Spitfires let down the travelling hordes



PACE IN THE PACK: Robbie Joseph's display was one positive for Kent

## County take ECB to task over ruling

KENT are hoping to bring about a change in the England and Wales Cricket Board's regulations after high winds stopped play in last Tuesday's game at Canterbury.

Gusts of more than 40mph prevented the temporary floodlights from being used in the Pro40 match against Leicestershire.

As a result the umpires had no choice but to abandon the match just six overs into the visitors' reply.

Fans were unhappy the game was not shortened or started early so it could be finished without the use of lights, but neither are permitted.

The club have begun talks with the ECB to bring about a change to prevent a similar scenario in future.

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## Final hurdle seems to be just too much

KENT'S defeat against Essex continued their poor record at Lord's.

Saturday's Friends Provident Trophy final was the first appearance of any kind in a Lord's final for 11 years, when Kent were hammered by Surrey in the Benson & Hedges Cup final.

In total, Kent have won just three finals in 11 appearances, losing on their last seven visits.

Their last triumph in a final at Lord's was in the 1978 Benson & Hedges Cup, when Bob Woolmer's 79 helped them to a six-wicket victory over Derbyshire.



THOUSANDS of Kent Spitfires fans flocked to the home of cricket on Saturday morning for the county's first Lord's appearance in 11 years.

By the evening, many were probably wondering why they had bothered.

From the moment Kent captain Rob Key was wrongly given out for a phantom edge in the fifth over, the Spitfires handed the initiative to the Essex Eagles, who did not let go.

Key's dismissal was harsh, but none of the other nine batsmen who followed him back to the famous pavilion could blame misfortune.

Joe Denly was bowled by the impressive Graham Napier in the following over as the Spitfires were reduced to 19-2.

Martin van Jaarsveld and Justin

## CRICKET

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

**Kent Spitfires 214 all out (50 overs)**

**Essex Eagles 218-5 (48.5 overs)**

Kemp steadied the innings briefly until the latter was bowled attempting to smash former Kent bowler David Masters out of the park. Darren Stevens, Geraint Jones and Azhar Mahmood also got out to poor shots when the situation needed them to knuckle down.

At 100-6 the contest looked embarrassingly one-sided, but van Jaarsveld (58), Ryan McLaren (63) and Yasir Arafat (27)

at least gave the Spitfires attack something to defend.

The Eagles had the luxury of knowing they could win without needing to take risks. After Mahmood made some amends for his poor show with the bat by dismissing both openers, Robbie Joseph briefly worried Essex.

The 26-year-old bowled with aggression and took the prize wickets of England pair Ravi Bopara and Alastair Cook. He later removed James Foster, but it did not spark the flurry of wickets Kent so desperately needed.

The match was eventually decided by Grant Flower, whose unbeaten 70 from 97 balls showed, in an age increasingly dominated by Twenty20 cricket, what can be achieved with patience and guile.



GOING, GOING, GONE: Joe Denly is bowled by Graham Napier to begin the Spitfires' batting problems on a disappointing day at Lord's as Kent struggled, eventually making just 214

# Skipper berates team's performance with bat

DEJECTED Kent captain Rob Key could not hide his frustration after the Spitfires lost their second final in less than a month with a limp display on Saturday.

Several batsmen gave their wickets away as Kent were bowled out for 214 in the Friends Provident Trophy final.

Essex Eagles reached their victory target with relative ease in the 49th over to seal a five-wicket victory.

The defeat for Kent came exactly three weeks after narrowly losing the Twenty20 Cup final against Middlesex.

After the game Key was in no mood for diplomacy and felt the side would have to bounce back quickly to avoid ending a promising season empty-handed.

He said: "Individually, we need to start performing. A lot of times in cricket when you lose a couple of games everyone says 'Is it the

## CRICKET

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warm-ups, is it this or is it that?', but it's not.

"Individually, you have got to sort your game out. If you're not scoring runs, find a way of doing it. I don't mean go to the nets every minute, just go and get some runs."

"I don't care how, just go and do it."

The Spitfires captain was unhappy with most aspects of his side's performance, but he was in no doubt that it was the mistakes made with the bat which were the most costly.

A succession of players were dismissed trying extravagant shots which were completely out of touch with the situation.

Key said: "Losing's not great when you have given everything you can give, but when you play that badly with the bat it's a waste of time, really."

"Turning up after all the build-up and everything, and we go and bat like that – it's a joke."

"We were just brainless with the shots we played. I know it's hero and villain and you can say 'Well, if I had hit it for four or six, then everyone would have clapped...' but they didn't."

"It was a tough wicket and how many of us were out defending? Not many. I just think we weren't very smart."

"The whole thing with one-day cricket is you go out and assess conditions as quickly as you can and you try to work out what a good score is. I know we all want to hit the ball for four and six, but sometimes you have just got to hang in there and settle for 250 or 230, or otherwise you are going to come unstuck."

Key's men get back to County Championship action today at Canterbury with the visit of Lancashire. The title race is wide open, with Kent in contention to win their first championship in 30 years.

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# Staff is as good as gold

## OLYMPICS/CYCLING

BY TOM HOWARD

TRACK cyclist Jamie Staff finally achieved his Olympic dream by helping Great Britain secure their third gold medal of the Beijing Games in the team sprint.

An Olympic medal was the only achievement which had eluded the 35-year-old from Ashford during a glittering career.

His long wait came to an end on Friday with a blistering run from the Great British trio of Staff, Chris Hoy and Jason Kenny, who blew away gold medal favourites France in the final by more than half a second.

The Great Britain team blitzed the three laps in the Laoshan Velodrome and finished with a time 43.128, with Staff

completing the lead leg in a new personal best of 17.136 seconds.

The trio had earlier cruised through qualifying, setting the fastest time a full six tenths of a second faster than nearest challengers France. They knocked out USA in the next round to set up the final with rivals France, who beat them to win gold at the World Championships final in Manchester earlier this year.

The victory was redemption for Staff at the Olympics, four years after suffering the heartbreak of a fifth-place finish.

Staff only started track cycling in 2002 in search of an Olympic medal. He was a former BMX world champion but with the sport not included in the Athens Games in 2004, he switched to the velodrome to compete for the sport's biggest prize.

He has been in the form of his life this season, setting a personal best lap of 17.2 seconds in the World Championships – a time he eclipsed twice during the competition in Beijing.

The medal completes an illustrious set for Staff, who has already won national, Commonwealth and world titles.



SOLID GOLD: Four years of training ended with Jamie Staff achieving his Olympic dream by claiming gold in the team sprint in Beijing

## Barham confident first Tour title is on horizon

### GOLF

A MAIDEN European Tour victory is on the horizon according to golfer Benn Barham, who recorded his best-ever finish earlier this month.

The Ashford-born professional secured third place at the Russian Open. It moved the 33-year-old back into the all-important top 117 on the Order of Merit, which guarantees exemption for next year's events.

With Irishman and fellow European Tour player Padraig Harrington winning back-to-back Open Championships and the USPGA title this season, Barham believes he can secure his maiden Tour victory.

He told Yourashford: "I was delighted with third place at the Russian Open, although I was slightly disappointed I didn't win the competition."

"I played well all week, I didn't look at the leaderboards and just focused on playing my shots. If I keep putting myself in positions like that a victory will come soon."

Barham had his best ever finish of 89th in the Order of Merit rankings on the European Tour last year, earning 294,844.



ON COURSE: After his best-ever finish on the European Tour, Benn Barham is getting closer to his maiden Tour victory

With more than a quarter of the season remaining he is close to surpassing last year's earning but is only 90th in the rankings. Barham believes it is because the Tour is becoming increasingly competitive.

He added: "The European Tour is getting tougher; there are more players trying to get on it and you can't rest on your laurels anymore as there are always players pushing you to perform."

However, two bogeys in the last two holes in the second round spelt the end of his challenge in the SAS Masters in Sweden last week, as he missed the cut.

## Nuts and Bolts need to tighten up, warns boss

### FOOTBALL

#### Ashford Town 1 Walton Casuals 1

A LATE penalty from Mitchell Sherwood salvaged a point for Ashford Town in what manager Steve Lovell admitted was one of the worst performances he has seen.

After a quiet first half from both sides, it was Walton Casuals who took the lead just after the break.

Matt Weston's free header proved too powerful for Town goalkeeper Jamie Riley to stop.

However, with fans thinking Town would lose their first game of the season new signing Bradley Smith was brought down in the area and Sherwood calmly slotted the ball home. Lovell was less than impressed with his side's performance.

Lovell said: "We were not very good to be honest and it was a typical first game of the season.

"There was no quality really but I thought we deserved a point. I think it was one of our worst performances since I have been in charge."



INJURED: Striker Mark Lovell will be out for some time after picking up a knee injury

"To be fair to the players they kept going until the end and won a penalty, which gave us a point."

Striker Mark Lovell faces a long spell on the sidelines after picking up a nasty knee injury during the match, which the Town boss feels will be a blow.

He added: "We do not know the extent of the injury until he goes for a scan but I think he will be out for a long time, which is a problem as he was our top scorer last season."



STRONG: Dame Kelly Holmes believes Lisa Dobriskey has the mental strength to deal with the occasion

## Dame Kelly backs Dobriskey to shine

### OLYMPICS/ATHLETICS

DOUBLE Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes believes Kent's 1500m medal hope Lisa Dobriskey is strong enough to deal with the expectation and the challenge of her first Olympics.

The 24-year-old reigning Commonwealth champion from Ashford has been in the form of her life this season, winning the Great Britain Trials and the London Grand Prix last month. Before leaving for the Team GB holding camp in Macau, she shattered her personal best by eight seconds in a mixed race during training.

The Beijing Games are Dobriskey's first Olympics and Holmes has warned the pressure will be huge. She believes focusing on each round is the key to be successful in the pressure-cooker environment.

Holmes said: "The Olympics is completely different to any other competition and you have to treat it that way."

"Lisa will have to keep her feet on the ground, which can be very difficult to do at your first Games. I have seen her, though, and think she has the head to deal with the occasion. She will be happy to make the final, but in the final anything can happen."

"Your first Olympics can be overwhelming, especially when you see the Olympic village, where all the world's best athletes stay. As a young athlete it can be quite daunting, so Lisa will have to deal with that."

Holmes competed in three Olympic Games, winning gold in the 800m and 1500m in Athens 2004, so is familiar with competing in a packed Olympic arena. Although it will be difficult at first, she believes Dobriskey will thrive in the atmosphere.

She added: "There aren't enough words to describe what Lisa will be going through. Firstly the nerves hit you, which is quite terrifying, but you have to put that to the back of your mind."

"Stepping out into the stadium with the crowd is amazing and one of the best experiences in athletics."

"Then there is pressure and expectation on you to perform as a potential medallist, which Lisa will have to deal with. It is a great experience which she will definitely learn from."

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\*ON THE ROAD RECOMMENDED PRICES AND OFFERS APPLY TO QUALIFYING NEW CITROËN VEHICLES ORDERED 04-31/08/08 AND REGISTERED BY 30/09/08 AND INCLUDE VAT, DELIVERY TO DEALER AND NUMBER PLATES. GOVERNMENT FIRST REGISTRATION FEE, AND 12 MONTHS' GRADUATED VEHICLE DIESSEL DUTY BLACK METALLIC PAINT (OPTIONAL AT EXTRA COST) STANDARD ON CODE SPECIAL EDITIONS. PRICES SHOWN INCLUDE THE DEDUCTION OF THE APPROPRIATE MANUFACTURER'S CASH-BACK OR DEALER CONTRIBUTION FROM THE MANUFACTURER'S ON THE ROAD RECOMMENDED RETAIL PRICE. MODEL SHOWN: C2 1.4i BY 7MHP CACHET 650G. 0% APR TYPICAL FINANCE OVER 4 YEARS AVAILABLE ON ALL C2 PERSOGRAND C4 PICASSO (EXCLUDING X AND LOUNGE MODELS) AND ALL C4 CACHET AND VTR+ MODELS AND OVER 3 YEARS AVAILABLE ON ALL C2 CACHE, VTR, VTS AND CODE MODELS AND ALL Xsara Picasso Diesel Desire Models. FINANCE SUBJECT TO STATUS. WRITTEN QUOTATIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM CITROËN FINANCIAL SERVICES, QUADRANT HOUSE, PRINCESS WAY, REDHILL, SURREY RH1 1QA, UK. OVER 185 ONLY. A GUARANTEE MAY BE REQUIRED. 42 YEARS' UNLIMITED MILEAGE WARRANTY. NO-FEE CUSTOMER PAYMENT OF 3RD YEAR DEALER PROVIDED EXTRAS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS WARRANTY. 10,000 MILES, ONLY ON NEW CARS SOURCED FROM CITROËN UK LTD. OFFERS, PRICES AND SPECIFICATION CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS FROM PARTICIPATING DEALERS FOR PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND QUALIFYING BUSINESS DEALS. TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY. PLEASE ASK US FOR DETAILS. COMPANIES WITH A CENTRALLY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH CITROËN UK LTD. NATIONAL FLEETS, MOBILITY CONTRACT HIRE AND DRIVING SCHOOLS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE OFFERS. C4 Xsara Picasso and C4 Picasso Grand C4 Picasso OFFERS ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. ALL MODELS SUBJECT TO STOCK AVAILABILITY. FINANCE OFFERS APPLY TO UK ONLY. GRAND C4 PICASSO WINNER. ANNUAL

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# 5 or more GCSEs (grade D-G)

If you have 5 GCSEs (grade D-G), choose a Level 2 course in one of the subject areas described below. On successful completion, you will gain a qualification equivalent to 5 GCSEs A-C that can help you get a job or career or better still, you can apply for a higher level course next year! Courses last 1 to 2 years and some may be available as apprenticeships.

## Accountancy

Gain a recognised professional qualification in book-keeping, invoices, payments, payrolls and all aspects of accountancy.

- Accounting Foundation NVQ 2 (Ashford/Dover)

## Art and Design

Improve your skills in painting, drawing, sculpture, fine art and multi-media techniques.

- First Diploma in Art and Design (BTEC) (Ashford-Tufton)

## Working in Offices and Shops

Learn people and computer skills to succeed in offices and shops as an office junior, administrator, sales assistant or other support services position.

- Certificate in Administration (Ashford)
- First Diploma in Retail (BTEC) (Folkestone)

## Child Care

Learn about caring for a young child and how human beings grow, play and learn. Learn about working in a nursery and other career avenues.

- Award/Certificate/Diploma in Child Care and Education (Folkestone)

## Computers / I.T.

Become a computer wiz and learn about software, games, computer-aided design and networking.

- First Diploma for I.T. Practitioners (Ashford/Dover)

## Construction: Plumbing, Woodwork, Bricklaying, Plastering, Electrical Installation, Painting and Decorating

Learn one of the many trades available in one of the biggest industry sectors in the U.K.

- Construction Award in Maintenance Operations (Dover)
- First Diploma in Construction (BTEC)(Folkestone)
- Construction Diploma in Painting and Decorating (Folkestone)
- Certificate in Basic Plumbing Studies (Folkestone)
- Construction Diploma in Bricklaying (Ashford)
- Construction Diploma in Plastering (Ashford)
- Construction Diploma in Carpentry / Joinery / Woodmachining (Folkestone)
- Certificate in Electro-technical Technology - Electrical Installation (Ashford/Dover/Folkestone)
- Certificate in Design and Craft in Decorative Techniques (Folkestone)

## Cooking, Preparing and Serving Food and Drink

Gain a qualification to work as a chef, barman, waiter or receptionist in restaurants, cafeterias, hotels, cruise liners, etc.

- Professional Cookery - Food Preparation and Cooking NVQ 2 (Ashford/Folkestone)
- Multi-skilled Hospitality NVQ 2 (Folkestone)

## Creative Studies: Media, Performing Arts, Music and Furniture

These courses are an introduction to creative industries in media, theatre, music, stage management, furniture making and restoration.

- First Diploma in Media (BTEC) (Folkestone)
- First Diploma in Music (BTEC) (Folkestone)
- First Diploma in Performing Arts (BTEC) (Ashford-Henwood)
- Certificate in Furniture Production – Furniture Restoration and Making (Folkestone)

## Engineering and Technology

Learn about the theory and principles of engineering in the manufacturing or electronics industries.

- First Certificate in Engineering (Ashford)
- Intermediate Certificate in Engineering and Technology (Ashford)

## GCSEs and Access to Higher Education

For those who want to gain better grades and a more academic approach to move on to university.

- GCSE English (Ashford)
- GCSE Maths (Ashford)
- Higher Education Progression Diploma (Ashford/Dover)

## Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

If you enjoy hair and beauty treatments and want to learn everything about cuts, colours, facials, manicures or waxing, this is the area for you.

- Hairdressing NVQ 2 (Ashford/Dover/Folkestone)
- Beauty Therapy NVQ 2 (Ashford/Dover/Folkestone)

## Health and Social Care

Train for a career in a very diverse sector where you will care for the elderly, adults with learning or physical disabilities, children and young people, sick people, etc.

- First Diploma in Health and Social Care (BTEC) (Ashford)
- Health and Social Care NVQ 2 (Folkestone)
- Higher Diploma in Society, Health and Development (Dover)

## Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and HGVs

Learn techniques in maintenance, repair, body and paint operations on cars, HGVs or motorcycles.

- Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair – Light Vehicle (Ashford/Dover)
- Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair – HGVs (Ashford)
- Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair – Motorcycles (Dover)
- Certificate in Body and Paint Operations – Light Vehicles (Ashford)

## Sport and Leisure

Get a recognised qualification that will enable you to work in sports associations, health and fitness clubs or in the leisure industry.

- First Diploma in Sports - with Football (BTEC) (Folkestone)

## Travel and Tourism

This is a growing industry worldwide, where you can choose to work in transport companies (airlines, ferries or rail), travel agents, hotels, tourist attractions etc.

- First Diploma in Travel and Tourism (Ashford)

## Working in the Police, Ambulance, Fire and the Armed Services

If you want to help people in one of the many public services available, this is the course for you:

- First Diploma in Uniformed Public Services (BTEC) (Folkestone)

**Entry requirements: 5 GCSEs (grade D-G) and a successful interview.**

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# 5 or more GCSEs (grade A-C)

If you have 5 or more GCSEs (grade A-C), choose a Level 3 course in one of the subject areas described below. On successful completion, you will gain a qualification equivalent to A-levels that can help you start a career or allow you to progress into higher education. Courses last 1 to 2 years and some may be available as apprenticeships.



## Accountancy and Finance

- Accounting Intermediate NVQ 3 (Ashford)
- Certificate in Financial Studies (IFS) (Ashford)
- Diploma in Financial Studies (IFS) (Ashford)

## A-Levels and Access to Higher Education

- A-Levels in: Accounting, Photography, Business Studies, English Language and Literature, English Literature, Government and Politics, History, Information and Communication Technology (I.C.T), Law, Psychology and Sociology (Ashford)
- Higher Education Progression Diploma (Ashford)

## Art and Design

- Diploma in Foundation Studies in Art and Design
- National Diploma in Fine Art (BTEC)
- National Diploma in 3D Design (BTEC)
- National Diploma in Graphic Design (BTEC)
- National Diploma in Photography (BTEC)
- National Diploma in Textiles / Fashion (BTEC) (All courses at Ashford-Tufton)

## Business and Administration

- National Award / Certificate in Business (BTEC) (Ashford)

## Child Care

- Award/Certificate/Diploma in Child Care and Education (Folkestone)

## Computers / I.T.

- National Diploma for I.T. Practitioners (BTEC) (Ashford/Dover)

## Construction: Management, Plumbing, Woodwork, Bricklaying, Plastering, Electrical Installation, Painting and Decorating

- National Certificate in Building Studies (BTEC) (Folkestone)
- Construction Diploma in Painting and Decorating (Folkestone)
- Diploma in Design and Craft in Decorative Techniques (Folkestone)

## Creative Studies: Media, Performing Arts, Music, Furniture

- National Diploma in Media (BTEC) (Folkestone)
- National Diploma in Performing Arts (BTEC) (Ashford-Henwood)
- National Diploma in Music (BTEC) (Folkestone)
- Certificate in Furniture Production - Furniture Restoration and Making (Folkestone)

## Engineering and Technology

- National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Ashford)
- National Certificate in Electrical / Electronic Engineering (Ashford)

## Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

- Hairdressing NVQ 3 (Dover)
- Beauty Therapy NVQ 3 (Ashford/Dover/Folkestone)

## Health and Social Care

- National Certificate in Health and Care (BTEC) (Ashford)
- National Diploma in Health Studies (BTEC) (Ashford)
- Advanced Diploma in Society, Health and Development (Dover)

## Motor Vehicles

- Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair - Light Vehicle (Dover)
- Diploma in Body and Paint Operations - Light Vehicles (Ashford)

## Sport and Leisure

- National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science (BTEC) (Folkestone)
- Sports Therapy (VTCT) (Folkestone)

## Travel and Tourism

- National Certificate in Travel and Tourism (BTEC) (Ashford)

## Working in the Police, Ambulance, Fire and the Armed Services

- National Certificate in Public Services (BTEC) (Folkestone)

**Entry requirements: 5 GCSEs grade A-C (or equivalent Level 2 qualification) and a successful interview.**



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